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Filling Yokohama with flowers and greenery again this year
Garden Necklace Yokohama 2019
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The huge flower bed in Satoyama Garden (March 2018)

April 7 (Sun.) is the day of nationwide local elections.

For details on advance voting etc., please see the ward edition of Koho Yokohama.

Garden City Yokohama – a City Filled with Flowers and Greenery



Fumiko Hayashi

Mayor of Yokohama

Again this year, the streets of Yokohama will be filled with flowers and greenery during Garden Necklace Yokohama 2019, which starts on March 23 and runs for 72 days. People who visit Yamashita Park and Harbor View Park in the Minato Area (bayside area) or Satoyama Garden in the suburban area will be greeted by cherry blossoms, tulips, pansies, and various other flowers of spring, in all their glorious colors.

For the first time this May, we will be holding Yokohama Rose Week to celebrate the rose, which is the city flower.

Yokohama Rose Week will feature a host of events that fully highlight all the charms of the rose. The assortment includes guided tours of rose gardens in the city, workshops, and the serving of rose-themed sweets at restaurants and hotels. The Western rose reportedly first entered Japan from Yokohama about 160 years ago, immediately after the opening of our port, and has been loved by our citizens ever since. I urge all to take a stroll on our rose-decorated streets while absorbing the scenery in the port district, which still conveys the air of the days when the port was first opened.

Besides enriching people's hearts, flowers and greenery have the power to heighten the city's appeal and draw visitors to our streets. We are promoting Garden City Yokohama as an event that fills our city with flowers, greenery, and smiling faces, and intend to link it to attraction of the International Horticultural Exposition in 2026. Yokohama is blessed with a rich natural environment that we have protected and nurtured together with our citizens, and I am determined to surely bequeath it to the next generation.

Are you staying prepared for disasters?

About eight years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake, which did tremendous destruction. The Yokohama Citizen's Charter on Earthquake Disaster Reduction was prepared on the basis of the lessons learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake. It sets forth the preparation of supplies of food and drinking water, participation in disaster prevention drills, and other ways in which each and every one of us can routinely prepare for disasters. We cannot prevent disasters from occurring, but we can lessen their impact. To this end, please make a review of your preparations for a major earthquake, which could occur at any time.

Let's prepare supplies

The guideline is to store enough supplies for three days at the minimum. Put emergency items that you must take along when evacuating into a backpack etc. so that you will be able to leave with them immediately.

In the event of a major earthquake, the government cannot deliver aid immediately. It will also become hard to buy food and items of daily use. Make sure to prepare a supply of necessary items in correspondence with the membership of your household and your lifestyle.

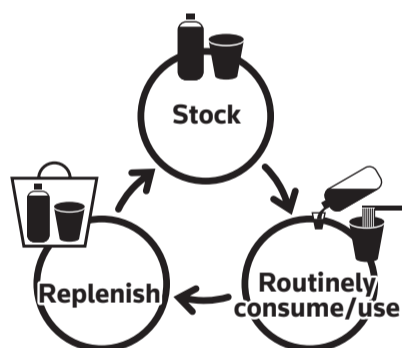
List of supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water
The guideline is a three-day supply, meaning nine liters per person.
(Example) A family of three will need: 9L X 3 = 27L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Food
Crackers and other foods that do not have to be cooked, canned foods that do not require a can opener, etc.
*People who have food allergies are requested to store food that is suitable for them. | <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet packs
The guideline is a three-day supply, meaning 15 packs per person.
*Toilet packs are packaged sets of coagulant and a disposal bag. They can be set up in bathrooms in the home etc., and are available for purchase at home centers and other locations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper trays and paper cups
<input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags
<input type="checkbox"/> Tissue paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels
<input type="checkbox"/> Lanterns, flashlights
<input type="checkbox"/> Portable radio
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare batteries, mobile phone charger | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyday medicine, medicine handbook, first aid pharmaceuticals
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary items
<input type="checkbox"/> Whistle
*This list does not contain all requisite items. |

Prepare supplies while regularly using them and not wasting any

In the rolling stock approach, people buy and stock a little more food and everyday items than are actually needed, consume or use them beginning with the oldest first, and replenish the stock accordingly.

With this approach, you can prepare supplies while regularly using them and replenishing the portion used, without any waste.



Needs vary with the household membership

Households with infants or small children

Milk, baby bottles, baby food, spoons, diapers, pre-moistened wipes, towels (gauze), changes of clothes, baby blankets, baby sling, toys, etc.

Households with an expectant mother

Maternal and Child Health Handbook, patient registration card, bleached cotton, absorbent cotton, gauze, etc.

Households with members requiring long-term care

Changes of clothes, diapers, disability certificate, auxiliary equipment, and other supplies etc.

—Learning from people who experienced major earthquakes in the past— What people were glad to have in times of disaster

In past earthquakes, many people had trouble obtaining water for daily use (washing dishes, bathing, washing the face and hands, flushing toilets, etc.) and for drinking, because the ordinary water supply was terminated. At those times, they said they were helped by not only stores of water but also polyethylene containers and handcarts for hauling water, wet tissue for washing the body, and other such items.

In addition, due to the power outage and suspension of the supply of city gas, many people experienced difficulties cooking and contacting relatives. Under these circumstances, they likewise prized flashlights, portable radios, mobile phone chargers, batteries, and gas cartridge stoves. In the case of women, stocks of sanitary items reportedly also came in handy.



Let's participate in local drills

There are various disaster prevention activities held in local areas. The list includes disaster prevention drills conducted by neighborhood associations, and drills in the establishment and operation of evacuation centers conducted by regional disaster prevention centers.

It is vital for each and every person to participate in drills and make preparations for disasters.

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We have revised the section on wind and flood damage in the city disaster preparedness plan.

We made mainly the following revisions in light of the legislation partially amending the Flood Control Act and other laws, the revision of guidelines related to advice to evacuate, approaches by Yokohama, and views among our citizens. The revised plan will go into effect on April 1.

■ Building a citizenry and districts resistant to disasters — reinforcement of measures for people needing support —

The plan clearly states that facilities used by persons requiring special care in areas at high risk of floods or landslides have an obligation to prepare and report on evacuation assurance plans and to implement drills based on those plans.

■ Communication for evacuation action in plainer terms — aiming for no failures to escape —

Based on the revision of the guidelines concerning advice to evacuation etc., we revised the expression for encouraging prompt evacuation action to make it plainer. For example, to make it clear that matters are at the stage where elderly and other people needing support should start evacuating, we changed the phrase "evacuation preparation information" to "evacuation preparation and start of evacuation of the elderly etc."

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Distribution of emergency message email (area email)* at the time of issuance of landslide disaster warning information

Beginning in late March, once a warning has been issued about landslide disasters, Kanagawa Prefectural Government will distribute emergency message email to concerned areas in order to convey the risk of landslides. In addition, when a landslide warning is issued, Yokohama Municipal Government will at the same time issue evacuation advice to zones defined in advance (zones targeted for immediate evacuation advice), and send this information by emergency message email. Check the city website in advance for the identity of the target zones.

*The email does not require any advance registration.

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Contact the unit assigned to disaster prevention in the General Affairs Division of the ward where you reside.

Filling Yokohama with flowers and greenery again this year

Garden Necklace Yokohama 2019

We are promoting Garden City Yokohama to make Yokohama a city filled with flowers and greenery. Again this year, we are holding Garden Necklace Yokohama 2019 throughout the city, in collaboration with our citizens and companies. This spring, we are also holding Yokohama Rose Week, a new event to celebrate the rose, which is the city flower and has been loved by our citizens ever since the opening of our port. This will add even more color to Yokohama this year, which marks the 160th anniversary of our port-opening.

Satoyama Garden

(1425-4, Kamishirane-cho, Asahi Ward/next to Yokohama Zoological Gardens "Zoorasia")



【Period】 March 23 (Sat.) – May 6 (Mon., a holiday), 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., free admission

The huge bed planted with flowers grown in Yokohama paints the garden in spring-like pastel hues. The Welcome Garden and the field of wild rape flowers in a lovely valley impress visitors with the beauty of nature in spring.

Event information

On March 24 (Sun.) and April 20 (Sat.), Satoyama Garden will be the venue of an event featuring Masashi Mikami. In May, lectures will be delivered by Takashi Kawai and Keiko Yoshiya in the Minato Area. For details, please check the website.



Yokohama Flowers and Greenery PR Ambassador
Masashi Mikami



Yokohama English Garden Supervisor
Takashi Kawai



Garden Designer
Keiko Yoshiya

Spots for viewing flowers and greenery in the city

In all of the Yokohama's 18 wards, various events are going to be held in connection with Garden Necklace Yokohama. Flower beds and other plants will also decorate different parts of the city. The whole city will be linked with chains of flowers and greenery like necklaces.

Yokohama Rose Week

(Yamashita Park, Harbor View Park)



Fair mascot:
Garden Bear
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【Period】 May 3 (Fri., a holiday) – June 2 (Sun.)

【Place】 Yamashita Park, Harbor View Park, Nihon Odori, Western-style mansions in Yokohama's Yamate district, and other places in the city

In May, when roses are in full bloom, the organizers will hold diverse events revolving around roses in various parts of the city.

● Rose Festa

Exhibition of the newest varieties of roses etc.

May 15 (Wed.) – 19 (Sun.), Osanbashi Hall

【Fee】 1,500 yen (advance: 1,200 yen). For details, please make an inquiry to NTT Hello Dial beginning on March 22 (Fri.).

● Rose & Garden Market

May 18 (Sat.) – 19 (Sun.), Nihon Odori

Places for viewing cherry blossoms

(Minato Mirai 21 district, Sakura-dori Avenue, Kishamichi Promenade, Ooka River, etc.)



【Best time for viewing】 Late March – early April

The city has excellent spots for taking a springtime stroll and admiring the port scenery and cherry blossoms. Besides the rows of cherry trees along Sakura-dori Avenue and Kishamichi Promenade, these spots include the streets along Ooka River and paths in Kamonyama Park.

● Minato Mirai 21 Sakura Festa (Cherry Blossom Festival) 2019

March 23 (Sat.) – 31 (Sun.), free admission

Places for viewing tulips

(Yokohama Park, Nihon Odori, Yamashita Park, Shinko Central Plaza)



【Best time for viewing】 Early – mid April

Yokohama Park will be planted with about 140,000 tulips. Visitors can admire tulip gardens, each with a different theme, at three other venues as well.

● Yokohama Flower and Greenery Spring Fair 2019

April 12 (Fri.) – May 6 (Mon., a holiday), free admission

*The photos show scenes from last year.

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