

Fire Control in a Disaster



Fire increases damage. If there is a fire, try to put it out with the help of neighbors (while making sure of your safety.) Remember the 3 principles below, don't panic, and judge the situation calmly.

3 principles for early fire extinguishment:

① Inform quickly

When you find a fire, shout for help from neighbors and call 119 at once.



② Extinguish within 3 min.

Extinguish the fire with an extinguisher or water. If unavailable, smother the fire with a wet sheet or blanket or anything you can find nearby.



③ Escape quickly

When the fire reaches the ceiling, give up. Close as many doors and windows as possible to cut off air supply and escape quickly.



How to use a fire extinguisher

These days, most residences have a Microcomputer Gas Meter installed which stops the supply of gas automatically in an earthquake. So, it is not risky to try to extinguish a fire. However, after the shaking stops, turn off any burners and switch off the gas. In general, extinguishing an early fire is possible until the fire reaches the ceiling. Once it reaches the ceiling, escape quickly, and avoid breathing the fumes.

1

Take hold of the safety pin with your finger and pull it out.



2

Release the hose and point the nozzle toward the fire (holding as close to the end as possible).



3

Squeeze the lever firmly and aim at the fire source (not toward the smoke or flames).



If the fire source is still hot after extinguishing, be careful of reignition.



The extinguisher should be kept in a cool and dry place.

Available for everyone's use

Standpipe Fire Extinguishing Equipment

In the case of a large disaster and multiple fires occurring simultaneously, preventing fire spread is important because many houses in Yamato City are built close together.

A standpipe is a type of equipment for fire extinguishing that anyone can use. The hose of the standpipe can be inserted into a fire hydrant or drain plug and used to extinguish fires. Learn how to use this, as well as an ordinary extinguisher.

Standpipes are installed at stations, convenience stores, schools, and alongside other kinds of disaster self-prevention tools.



● Early fire extinguishment

Try to put the fire out first with an extinguisher or bucket of water. At the same time, prepare a standpipe. Use a standpipe from the outside instead of going inside a burning building.

● Prevent the fire spread

Spray water on unburning houses to prevent them from catching fire.



Instructional video for how to use a standpipe→



※It's very dangerous to enter a burning building. Spray water from the outside.