

Before Using the Disaster Prevention Emergency Radio

The emergency radio allows you to receive information and announcements from the city pertaining to disasters.

Before using the radio, please be sure to read this document in its entirety as well as the instruction manual that comes with the radio.

1. Concerning the deployment of this emergency radio

- ① This radio is on loan from the city. (Please treat it with care.)
- ② You can borrow this radio for as long as you live in Minamisoma.
 - If you move out of Minamisoma, please return the radio.
 - Radio settings are different between districts, so please contact us if are moving within the city to a different district.

2. Setting up

- ① The disaster warning system's radio waves are broadcast from Minamisoma City Hall as well as each ward office.
 - It is different from the wavelengths of regular FM channels.
- ② Extend the antenna, and set up the radio in a place it can get radio waves easily, such as near a window.
 - Placing the radio near electronics that give off electromagnetic waves such as TVs, fiber optic phones, wireless devices, and computers may cause malfunctions and interference.
If such malfunctions occur, please move the radio to a different spot.
- ③ In order to check the if radio is functioning properly, please check if you can hear the announcements of the time.
 - The announcements of the time occur at these times:
 - ※ Kashima district: 6am, 12pm, 5pm, 9pm
 - ※ Haramachi district: 12pm, 5pm
 - ※ Odaka district: 12pm, 5pm
 - If the radio isn't receiving transmissions no matter what you do, there are external antennae available for you to borrow. Please contact us to request one.

3. Power source

- ① The radio can get power from an outlet (AC100V) and from batteries.
- ② However, please have it plugged into the outlet for everyday use and only use batteries in cases of emergencies.
- ③ If you do not replace the batteries, they can leak battery fluid and break the radio. Please be sure to replace the batteries once a year.

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4. How to use

- ① Please have the red switch (upper right side of the radio's front face) turned to 防災 (disaster prevention).
- ② You can also receive normal radio waves by switching to AM or FM.
- ③ If an announcement is being broadcast by the disaster warning system while your radio is receiving transmissions, the radio will automatically play the broadcast even if you are switched to AM/FM.

5. Broadcast contents

- ① Your radio will receive the same broadcasts played on the disaster warning system speakers outside (e.g. at schools).
- ② In concrete terms, you will hear fire outbreak warnings, disaster warnings, drills, the daily announcements of the time, etc.

6. Other

- ① Before and after each announcement by the disaster warning system, you will hear a beep or some static. This is part of the broadcast, and is not a malfunction.
- ② You will also hear these noises when the city is checking the disaster warning system.

7. Important points

- ① If the radio breaks or is damaged either by accident or on purpose, the individual is responsible for paying repair fees.
- ② If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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