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The best time to prepare your car is before a storm and cyclone occurs.

Completing the list of suggested tasks on this fact sheet will help you to prepare your car and property to minimise potential damage.

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Prepare your car

General preparations

- Ensure your car insurance is current and that it covers your assets adequately.
- Have a spare supply of fuel for use in your vehicle to get you to the nearest fuel outlet (ensure you store fuel safely in an appropriate container).
- Purchase wide masking tape for car windows.
- Store blankets or a hail cover in your car.
- Keep bottled water and dry food/snacks in your car if you are caught away from home.

Garage maintenance

- Arrange a professional builder to check your garage and identify measures to increase its structural security to withstand high winds.
- Check the condition of the roof and repair loose tiles, eaves and screws.
- Clean gutters and downpipes so water can drain away as quickly as possible.
- Trim trees and overhanging branches.
- Secure loose items that could cause damage if blown around in high winds.

If you don't have a garage

- Identify nearby places where you can park your car during an emergency.
- Your backup-parking should be solid, well-constructed and above potential flood levels.
- Check your street and suburb for flood prone areas.

When severe weather warnings are issued

- Park vehicles under cover, away from trees, power lines and waterways.
- If you cannot access undercover shelter for your vehicles, firmly secure blankets or quilts to them to minimise hail damage.

If you are stuck in traffic

- Keep a mobile charger in your car.
- Place books and/or DVDs in your car to entertain the family.
- Listen to your local ABC radio station for weather updates and road closures.

If it's flooded, forget it.

You never know what is in flood water or if the foundation of the road is intact.

Implement your plan now.

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