

HOUSEHOLD SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PLAN

Important information for you and your home

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UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

Knowing what weather happens where you live is key to preparing your property.



BUSHFIRE

Fires can happen anytime, with peak season from July – February. Your Rural Fire Service and council will have your local fire information.



FLOODING

Floods happen everywhere in Queensland. Think about the creeks, rivers, dams and low-lying areas on your property and on the roads you regularly use.



STORMS

Storms can happen anywhere, anytime. Know what can be impacted by strong winds and hail and be prepared to secure property from damage.



HEATWAVE

Heatwaves can be deadly to people and stock. Track your dam levels and/or other water sources, and make sure stock have access to water and shade.



CYCLONE

Cyclones mainly impact northern and coastal areas, but all of Queensland can have wind and rain from cyclones. Secure equipment and loose items.



Learn about your weather risks at getready.qld.gov.au/understand-your-risk

Important emergency contacts

Add these details into your mobile phone because you might need them quickly.

Police – Fire – Ambulance	000
SES (State Emergency Service)	132 500
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26

Local Council name: _____ Phone: _____

School name: _____ Phone: _____

MAKE A PLAN

Know what severe weather can happen to your home so you can be ready.



Learn about getting ready at getready.qld.gov.au/plan

Household names and phone numbers:

If severe weather comes, stay connected. Add phone numbers for people in your home:

Name:

Phone:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Community

Friends and neighbours can help you during bad weather. Add their information below and talk to them about your plan:

Contact 1 Name:

Phone:

Contact 2 Name:

Phone:

Contact 3 Name:

Phone:

Contact 4 Name:

Phone:

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Important items

Write down important details like animal information and car registration number.

Item

Important information,
like type and registration number:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Health

Doctor Name: Phone:

Chemist or pharmacist Name: Phone:

Other Name: Phone:
(such as specialist)

Other Name: Phone:

Important medicines list:

Medicine: Who it is for: Dosage:	Medicine: Who it is for: Dosage:
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Home

Electricity (power): Phone: Account Number: How and where to turn off at home:	Gas: Phone: Account Number: How and where to turn off at home:
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Telephone: Phone: Account Number:	Water: Phone: Account Number: How and where to turn off at home:
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Internet: Phone: Account Number: Wifi password:	Bank: Phone: Account Number: BSB:
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Real Estate:
Phone:
Account Number:

Clean around your home

Small jobs can make your home safer. Here are some jobs to do throughout the year before severe weather comes:

- Trim trees to remove leaves and branches that are close to buildings
- Check the roof and gutters are not blocked with leaf litter
- Clear rubbish from around your home
- Make sure windows can be sealed to stop water coming inside
- Store chemicals and poisons up high
- Check your insurance for correct severe weather coverage



Learn more about getting your home ready at:

getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared/house-maintenance-and-preparation

Have a plan to leave home (evacuate)

Mostly, it is best to stay at home during severe weather. However, it may not be safe if there is a risk of fire, flooding or other danger. Make a plan to leave quickly and safely.

	Leave home plan:
Have somewhere to go Where will you stay?	
Let people know you are leaving Who will you call?	
Have safe transport How will you get there? Who will drive or take you?	
Things to take with you What important items will you take?	
Other details	



If someone in your home has additional needs, consider using a person-centred emergency plan at: collaborating4inclusion.org/home/pcep

PACK A KIT (BOX)

Have supplies to keep you safe if you need to stay at home for three (3) days, even without power. If you need to leave (evacuate), you can take what you need.

Where your kit is stored in your home: _____

Supply list

Use this list to pack your kit (box)

Item	Details
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drinking water For three (3) days or 10 litres for each person in your home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food and can opener Enough packet food, canned food and dried food for three (3) days. Think about everyone's needs, such as babies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	First aid box Items to help if someone gets hurt. Include special medications, aids, reading glasses, medic-alerts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bathroom and health Toilet paper, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, sanitary products, insect spray, wipes and facemasks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile phone and chargers A mobile phone and charger, and solar powered battery pack.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Torch (flashlight) A torch for everyone or head lamps, glow sticks or battery powered lanterns.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio A radio that uses batteries to listen to safety alerts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batteries Spare batteries for radio and torches. Solar charged batteries are a good idea.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Important documents on USB or online Scan and save digital copies of papers like driver's licenses, passports, birth certificates, ID cards, Medicare cards, insurance policies. Save contacts, photos and a copy of your Household Severe Weather Emergency Plan.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cooking items A small gas stove and items like plastic plates and cutlery.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small tool kit Tools like safety knife, pliers, screwdriver, gardening gloves and wrench for small repairs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare cash In case ATMs or the internet are not working.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pet items Carrier/cage, food, treats, toys, bowls, leash and bedding. Completed Pet Severe Weather Emergency Plan.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra clothes and blankets Warm and dry clothing, sunglasses and hats.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment Cards, books, colouring/drawing, board games.

During a weather alert

If you understand your risk, have a plan and have a kit, you are almost ready. Below are final actions for when severe weather is coming.

Weather alert check list:

- Trim trees to remove leaves and branches that are close to buildings
- Put fuel in the car and park it undercover or up a hill if in a flood area
- Put away or secure outdoor items so they do not blow around or catch fire
- Sandbag doors, drains and toilets, if needed
- Close windows and curtains or blinds
- Fill buckets or bathtub with water in case water supply stops
- Check-in with neighbours so you both know you are okay
- Stay home unless you need to leave
- If you need to leave, turn off electricity (power), gas and water and lock doors
And remember, do not drive into flood waters

Stay informed

Where to get weather and safety updates

Local council disaster dashboard website	
Weather warnings	BOM mobile app bom.gov.au/app
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	qfes.qld.gov.au
Local ABC Radio station to tune radio to	
Local community social media page	

Know the signs before disaster strikes

Australia has a national warning system to help you understand the risk and impact of severe weather.



Advice



Watch and Act



Emergency Warning



Find out more: **australianwarningsystem.com.au**

AFTER WEATHER HAS CLEARED

Once the weather has passed, check around your home for damage and make sure your neighbours are okay. Be careful of dangers like fallen powerlines, downed trees or floodwater. Report dangers on triple zero (000).

Community help

Friends and family are the best way to get help after severe weather. If you need more support, there are services that can help you, such as:

Disaster recovery information	qld.gov.au/disasterrecovery
Lifeline	13 11 14
Beyond Blue	1300 22 46 36
Small business disaster hub	business.qld.gov.au/running-business/protecting-business/disaster-resilience/disaster-hub
Local council phone	



Learn more about support at: getready.qld.gov.au/after-disaster

Insurance information

Contact your insurance company if your home or belongings have been damaged. Add insurance details below for quick access:

	Company	Phone	Policy number
Home			
Contents			
Health			
Car			
Business			
Income			
Life			

Other important numbers

Centrelink	136 150
NDIS	1800 800 110
Residential Tenancies (Rental) Authority	1300 366 311

Others you may need for your home:
