

# LIVESTOCK SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PLAN

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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. Assess 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.

## Important emergency contacts

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

Police – Fire (RFS) – Ambulance	000
Download the EmergencyPlus app	<a href="https://www.emergencyplus.com.au">emergencyplus.com.au</a>
SES (State Emergency Service)	13 25 00
Poisons Information Line	13 11 26
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	13 25 23 (For displaced or stranded livestock)
Your local council	Phone number: _____
Your vet	Phone number: _____
Queensland Roads	<a href="https://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au">qldtraffic.qld.gov.au</a>
Local Disaster Dashboard	URL: _____



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# SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PLAN FOR:

Property name  
and/or address:

GPS long:

GPS lat:

Lot number:

Property/farm manager and phone number:

What will trigger an evacuation:

If required to leave the property, our people will evacuate to this location:

Property manager:

Staff *e.g. their homes*:

Family *e.g. family or friends*:

Person who can enact your plan in your absence:

Phone number:

Do they have a copy of this plan:  YES  NO

Name and phone number of key persons who need to know if you are evacuating:

Updated on:

## Livestock details

Type:

Number of head:

My livestock will be stored safely at:	
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There is \_\_\_\_\_ number of days of feed and water available at this location

Another safe location is:	
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Transport name and phone number (if required):	
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Time required to move livestock:

Vet supplies are stored:

Gate instructions and/or codes:

Gate key location (if applicable):

Chemicals are securely stored at:

Fuel is securely stored at:

Sandbags are stored at:

**Farm vehicles and machinery:**















Make and model:	Location:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Other equipment and assets:**

Make and model:	Location:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

Here are some tips to make sure your property is prepared for any severe weather.

Item	Details
	Emergency communication devices Have tools such as two-way radios or satellite phones to maintain communications, and make sure details are visible on your front gate for emergency services.
	Property maintenance Keep property clear of debris and any potential hazards. Make sure buildings, fences and fire breaks are well maintained.
	Water services Have alternative water stores for both animals and humans in case supply is compromised.
	Insurance Check your insurance cover. Photograph and document existing condition of assets and equipment.
	Business data Keep copies of important business documents safe.
	Back-up power supply Have a generator or alternative power source for use during power outages.
	Feed and nutrition Store extra feed stock in a dry, safe location.
	First aid and safety equipment Keep safety gear, PPE, and basic first aid kits readily available.
	Veterinary supplies Have medications, vaccines, wound care supplies, and parasite control products on hand. Make sure vaccinations are up to date.
	Identification and records Use livestock identification tags, including NLIS devices, microchips, management tags and collars, branding materials, and accurate record-keeping systems. Consider any biosecurity concerns and prioritise the safety of your breeders.
	Livestock handling equipment Have equipment on hand for safe and efficient livestock handling during and after an event. Utilise lawful methods and options to humanely destroy livestock if necessary.
	Shelter and shade structures Have suitable shelter or shade available.
	Transport equipment Practice using and have access to livestock trailers or trucks for transporting animals.
	Weather monitoring Instruments like weather stations, thermometers or rain gauges to monitor environmental conditions. Sign up for BOM updates and your local disaster dashboard.

## PACK A KIT

Have emergency supplies ready for either staying on the property or evacuating.

- Generator and fuel
- Communications – Radio, Phone, EPIRBs, two-way radio, including spare batteries and chargers
- A first aid kit
- Emergency and recovery numbers – use this plan and have it handy
- Torches, spare batteries and power boards
- Sandbags, tie down straps and rope
- PPE/Safety equipment
- Long life food for at least 5 days for everyone staying on the property
- Drinking water for at least 5 days for everyone staying on the property
- Documents – identification, insurance, vaccination details
- Hygiene supplies – toilet paper, sanitary items, hand sanitiser
- Gas cooker and bottle – to boil water

### Extras for evacuation

- Personal items (clothing, toiletries, medications, toilet paper)
- Important personal and business documents, copied, scanned and/or saved on a USB or online, including:
  - Driver's licence
  - Passports
  - Birth Certificates
  - ID cards
  - Medicare cards
  - Insurance policies
  - Contact details
  - Your Severe Weather Emergency Plan
- Cash
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 and see the full list of warnings: [australianwarningsystem.com.au](http://australianwarningsystem.com.au)

## WHAT TO DO WHEN SEVERE WEATHER STRIKES

### When an Advice Warning is issued:

- Activate your plan – stay aware of weather and safety updates from authorities. Know your stay or leave plan and when the situation changes, stick to it.
- If needed, move your livestock, horses and other animals to a safe paddock that has high ground and/or a clear fire break. If you don't have the time to relocate all your stock, make sure to open any internal gates to allow them to find safety.
- Make sure your stock has access to water and feed.
- Plan out your evacuation routes according to current and predicted conditions and be aware of any usual spots where access may be cut.
- Relocate or secure large equipment and vehicles.
- Turn off power and water if instructed to by authorities.
- Contact your neighbours – check on their plans and stay in contact.
- Get your staff home safe and keep them updated.
- Leave early or have plans to shelter in place.

### Stay informed

Where to get weather and safety updates

Local council disaster dashboard website:	
Weather warnings:	BOM mobile app <b>bom.gov.au/app</b>
Queensland Fire Department:	<b>fire.qld.gov.au</b>
Local ABC Radio station to tune radio to:	
Local community social media page:	
Current alerts and warnings:	<b>disaster.qld.gov.au/warnings</b>

## AFTER SEVERE WEATHER

Once safe to do so, start your recovery plan to get back to work quickly.

- Check livestock and other animals for illness and injury and treat accordingly. Have adequate water and feed available.
- Notify local council of any missing animals and discuss the disposal of any carcasses.
- Check property for any debris, downed trees or dangers, like fallen powerlines and damaged fences and arrange for their safe repair or removal.
- Stay out of any floodwaters in case of unseen hazards or dangers.
- Photograph any damage or loss for insurance purposes prior to any clean up.
- Safety should always be the first priority.

### Community help

Check on your neighbours and check in with your local community. Help where you can and put your hand up if you need assistance too.

Keep these details safe for anytime you may need them, during recovery or in preparation.

- Queensland Agriculture and Fisheries eHub – [daf.engagementhub.com.au](http://daf.engagementhub.com.au)  
*Disaster assistance for primary producers*
- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue – 1300 22 46 36
- Small business disaster hub – [getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared/business](http://getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared/business)
- Rural Aid – 1300 327 624
- Your local council: \_\_\_\_\_

### Insurance information

Add insurance details here for quick access, should you need them and keep documents handy:

	Company	Phone	Policy number
Farm Insurance			
Equipment/Vehicle			
Other			
Other			
Other			
Other			



## Notes

Add any additional information here that might be useful in an emergency and/or use this space to create a map of your property, showing key access points, structures, creeks and high areas and fire breaks.



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