

Start preparing for floods



What to do before flood season

- ✓ Prepare your home emergency plan.
- ✓ Check your insurance policy is up to date.
- ✓ Prepare or inspect your emergency kit. Test batteries and check use-by dates on items like gloves and first-aid supplies.
- ✓ Purchase containers to store drinking water. Purchase extra fuel supplies and hessian bags for sandbags.
- ✓ Raise power points and air-conditioning units, if possible.
- ✓ Consider planting, landscaping or building structures around your property to deflect water, improve drainage and protect your home against landslides.

When a flood watch warning is issued

In your home

- ✓ Move household items as high as possible. Put furniture on beds and then personal items on top of the furniture.
- ✓ Stack electrical equipment on top.
- ✓ Take out wooden drawers from furniture and cupboards that can't be moved.
- ✓ Place perishable food items in plastic bags or waterproof containers.
- ✓ Secure items such as refrigerators that may be dangerous if moved by flood water. If you can't secure them and you have to evacuate, leave the doors open.
- ✓ Remove light bulbs from light fixtures that are below flood level.
- ✓ Put sandbags over drainage holes and in toilets.

Around your home

- ✓ Place plastic sheeting and sandbags at entryways to prevent water from entering your property.
- ✓ Protect machinery and equipment that cannot be moved with waterproof covers or sandbagging.
- ✓ Store chemicals and poisons in waterproof containers as high as possible.
- ✓ Turn off the mains supply for water, power and gas.
- ✓ Secure loose items in your yard and around your home.
- ✓ Remove items from around your home that might collect water and attract mosquitos.

● Check your state emergency services websites for additional information and resources.

Know who to call

In life threatening situations **call 000 (Triple Zero)**

For emergency help in floods **call your state or territory SES on 132 500.**