

# Disaster management at home



Be prepared... It's as easy as ① ② ③



Gold Coast City Council

# My Emergency Plan

Three easy steps to plan for emergencies

## 1 My Plan – important details to help my family or household

### Contact details

- A** If we can't get home or contact each other we will arrange to meet or leave a message at:

Name of a friend or neighbour

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- B** Out-of-town contact, family or friend:

Could be the same as (A)

Name:

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Address:

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Phone:

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## My Plan – important details to help my family or household

### 2 During an emergency

- Listen to the radio for information and updates
- Stay at home unless told otherwise
- Have emergency plan and emergency kit ready
- Be prepared to look after yourself and family for up to three days

#### Our neighbours

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 During an evacuation

- Take emergency plan and emergency kit
- Turn off water, electricity (mains supply) and gas (if applicable)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# My Emergency Kit

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## 1 Things to keep in your emergency kit at all times

- Battery radio and spare batteries
- Torch
- First aid kit and manual
- Strong plastic garbage bags
- Tarp and tape for temporary repairs for protecting windows
- Tools to turn off utilities such as water
- Copies of important documents in sealed plastic bags

## 2 Things to have ready for your emergency kit when a warning is issued and a disaster is likely

- Three days of canned and non-perishable food, a can opener plus pet food and other pet needs (if required)
- Bottled water
- Essential medications and toiletries
- Change of clothes, strong shoes and hats
- Mobile phone and charger
- Money, spare house and car keys
- Important documents (originals) in sealed plastic bags
- Tent and blankets

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## 3 Things to include in your kit if there will be extended loss of electricity, water and gas

- ❑ Clean water in sealed containers (10 litres per person is recommended for a three day period)
- ❑ Water purification tablets
- ❑ More food
- ❑ Barbeque or portable stove with fuel
- ❑ Fire extinguisher



## More information?

For help and further information visit Council's disaster management website:

[www.goldcoastcity.com.au/disaster](http://www.goldcoastcity.com.au/disaster)

Then follow the links to **My Emergency Kit**



# Severe Storms

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You can reduce the risk of storms to yourself, family and property by taking these simple precautions.

## 1 Before a severe storm

- Ensure that your emergency plan is up-to-date and your emergency kit is ready
- Check your insurance covers home and contents from the risk of storms
- Check the roof and gutters are in good condition, clearing leaves and trim any tree branches
- Ensure your yard is free of loose items like patio furniture and rubbish
- Keep vehicles under cover

## 2 During a severe storm

- Keep your emergency plan and emergency kit with you
- Listen to the radio for information and updates
- Don't use the telephone
- Stay inside and shelter away from doors and windows
- If you need to shelter in the strongest part of your house, this is usually the bathroom, toilet or hallway
- Have mattresses and blankets ready for extra protection

# Severe Storms

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The time after a storm can be as dangerous as the storm itself. Many injuries and deaths occur as a result of people not taking proper actions after a storm has passed.

## 3 After a severe storm

- Listen to the radio for information and updates
- Remain indoors until advised it is safe
- Do not enter flood waters
- If safe to go outside, carefully check your home for damage and make temporary repairs if needed
- Keep away from damaged powerlines and fallen trees
- Do not drink tap water unless safe to do so

If your house is seriously damaged,  
please contact the SES 132 500

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# Bushfires

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## Practical tips to prepare for this bushfire season

### 1 Before a bushfire warning

- ❑ Ensure that your emergency plan is up-to-date and your emergency kit is ready should you decide to 'go early'
- ❑ Clean gutters, trim overhanging tree branches, bushes and around the home
- ❑ Make sure your water supply will be sufficient if there is a bushfire
- ❑ Clear fuel around the house, e.g. wood piles, boxes, cans of fuel, etc.
- ❑ Check water systems, pumps or generators are in working order
- ❑ Ensure fire trucks can obtain access to your property

### 2 During a bushfire event in your area

- ❑ Listen to the radio for information and updates
- ❑ Follow instructions from local authorities
- ❑ Disconnect hose and fittings and bring inside
- ❑ Go inside for shelter
- ❑ Wear protective clothing
- ❑ Drink lots of water
- ❑ Check and patrol for embers inside, particularly in the roof space
- ❑ Check family and pets

# Bushfires

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Be prepared for the effects of a bushfire including heat and wind, smoke, noise, loss of power and phone lines and loss of water pressure.

## 3 After a bushfire event in your area

- ❑ Listen to the radio for information and updates
- ❑ Continue drinking lots of water
- ❑ If safe to go outside, check for spot fires and embers
- ❑ Check for spot fires and embers inside and out (including roof space)

For help and further information  
visit Council's disaster management  
website:

[www.goldcoastcity.com.au/disaster](http://www.goldcoastcity.com.au/disaster)  
or visit [www.fire.qld.gov.au](http://www.fire.qld.gov.au)



## Report all fires to 000

If your house is seriously damaged,  
contact SES on 132 500



# Floods

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## 1 Before a flood

- ❑ Identify which roads and causeways are likely to flood and plan an alternative access route if necessary. These roads can usually be identified by looking for flood level markers.
- ❑ If your property is likely to be isolated in a flood, stock up on extra non- perishable supplies including bottled water and ensure your emergency kit is up to date.
- ❑ Identify when and where you would evacuate to if required.
- ❑ Ensure your insurance covers flood damage.

## 2 During a flood warning

- ❑ Listen to your local radio station for flood updates.
- ❑ If it's flooded, forget it. Don't walk, ride or drive through flood waters.
- ❑ Turn off water, power and gas supplies.
- ❑ Raise furniture, valuables and electrical items onto higher floors, beds, tables or roof spaces.
- ❑ Sand bag entry points to your property. Put a sand bag inside toilets and on top of indoor drains to prevent sewage back flow.
- ❑ Move vehicles, outdoor equipment, garbage, and chemicals to higher ground.
- ❑ Ensure the safety of pets, children, elderly and those with special needs.

**Phone 000 immediately if someone is caught in flood waters**

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## 3 After a flood

- ❑ Don't wade or drive into remnant flood waters.
- ❑ Don't re-enter your home until it is declared safe.
- ❑ Don't use gas or electrical appliances until they are checked for safety.
- ❑ Don't eat food that has been in flood water.
- ❑ Boil tap water until water supplies are declared safe.
- ❑ Contact your local SES on 132 500 for assistance.

**Don't allow children to play in or near flooded parks, roads or sporting fields**

## More information?

For help and further information visit Council's disaster management website:

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Then follow the links to **Floods**



# Emergency Warning

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The standard emergency warning signal is a distinctive audio signal that has been adopted to alert the community to a major emergency/disaster.

The alert signal will be played on public media such as radio and television. It is meant to attract listener's attention to the fact that they should take notice of the emergency message.

### 1 What to expect during an emergency warning

- 91.7FM ABC Coast FM will broadcast warnings
- Warnings and information may be distributed via Council's web site
- Emergency services may send a text message to your mobile phone or a voice message to your landline - you do not need to register for this service
- In some cases emergency services may door-knock houses
- Warnings may give advice on where to seek information

### 2 Where to get more information

- Keep listening to ABC Local Radio for updates
- Call Gold Coast City Council Disaster Hotline on 1800 606 000

**Remember – for life threatening emergencies, call 000 immediately**

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The time after a storm can be as dangerous as the storm itself. Many injuries and deaths occur as a result of people not taking proper actions after a storm has passed.

## 3 What to do when you receive an emergency warning

- Follow the advice in the warning
- Refer to your household emergency plan
- Stay at home unless you are told otherwise or it is not safe to do so



## More information?

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# Stay prepared...

During an emergency listen to your official emergency broadcaster **91.7FM ABC Coast FM**.

Other local radio stations for information and updates:

**89.3 FM** 4CRB

**90.9 FM** Sea FM

**92.5 FM** Gold FM

**94.1 FM** Jazz Radio

**97.7 FM** Triple J ABC

**102.9 FM** Hot Tomato

**105.7 FM** Radio Metro

**107.3 FM** Life FM

## Need an interpreter?

For assistance, please call the National Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450**.

To use this service you will need to tell them your preferred language and that you want to call Gold Coast City Council on **1800 606 000**.

This is a free service for council-related business available 24hrs, 7 days.

For more information about how to prepare yourself and your family for disasters, check out the Gold Coast City Council disaster management website **[goldcoastcity.com.au/disaster](http://goldcoastcity.com.au/disaster)**