



A natural disaster is something that can:

- do lots of damage to things around us.
- put peoples lives in danger.

For example:

- A flood – when there is too much rain.
- A heatwave – very hot weather that goes for a long time.
- A bushfire – a big fire that spreads.



When there is a natural disaster it is an emergency.

An emergency means you must do things to protect:

- yourself
- your pets
- the things around you straight away.

You can find out about severe weather and emergencies that are happening on the Gold Coast.

Go to cityofgoldcoast.com.au/disaster or City Dashboard.

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Severe Weather

How to get ready



EASY ENGLISH

This sheet tells you what you should do



Get your home ready.

You should:

- Tie down things that could blow away.
- Cut any branches that are hanging over your house.
- Clean your gutters and rain pipes.



Check your emergency plan.

This is a plan about what you will do if there is an emergency.

You should:

- have a plan
- practice it
- make sure everyone in your house knows the plan.



Include your animals in your emergency plan.

You should decide where you will take your animals if there is an emergency. They might not be allowed at the emergency centre.

You might need to take them to someone in your family or a friend.



Make an emergency kit.

This is a box or bag of things you might need if there is an emergency.

For example:

- A first aid kit. This should have things that could be used if someone is hurt. For example bandages and scissors.
- Food that can last a long time, For example food in a can and a can opener.
- A torch.
- Three days worth of water in a bottle with a lid. You should have ten litres for each person in your house.
- A radio that works with batteries and some extra batteries.
- A mobile phone and charger.



Have a list of phone numbers you might need if there is an emergency.

You should put the list somewhere that is easy to find.



Put your important papers in something that will not let water in.

For example:

- a box or plastic bag.

Your important papers may include:

- information about your insurance.

Insurance is when a company agrees to pay for damage to your things.

For example:

- your house
- your driver's licence and passport
- some spare money.



Get to know your neighbours.

You should think about ways you could help each other if there is an emergency.