

Flood preparation checklist

When a flood alert is issued, it's time to act. You can use this online checklist as a guide to prepare and secure your home.

CREATE AN EMERGENCY & EVACUATION PLAN

- Develop an evacuation plan specific to your home and local area.
- Confirm the contact details of friends, schools, family and people in your support network.
- Establish or confirm your household's safe meeting point.
- Identify the safest routes to community support centres.
- Confirm arrangements for your animals.
- Locate your emergency kit.

AROUND THE HOME

- Ensure your yard is properly graded, so that water can drain away from your home.
- Safely store fuels, poisons and chemicals above potential flood water levels.
- Locate and learn how to turn off your home's main electricity, gas and water supply.
- Check whether your neighbours need assistance.
- Check whether the storm drains near your home are clear of leaves and debris. Consider contacting a licensed trades person to do this safely.
- Secure loose material around your home and yard to prevent it being carried away by flood water.
- Have your roof checked annually by a qualified trades person to detect any pre-existing damage and/or repairs that may be needed.

IN THE HOME

- Consider how you might prevent water from entering your home using flood barriers or sandbags.
- Securely stack your belongings onto benches and tables above the expected flood water level. Place electrical equipment on top.
- Consider transporting important documents and irreplaceable items to a safe place ahead of time.
- Seal the points around your home where water can get in, such as doors and windows.
- Take photos of your property, both inside and out. They could be helpful if you have to make an insurance claim.

CHECK YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Pack enough drinking water and non-perishable food for three days.

Pack toiletries and towels.

Pack your devices and chargers.

Pack important documents and valuables, including cash.

Have a first aid kit ready.

Pack a torch with spare batteries.

Organise hand sanitiser and face masks.

Don't forget any medication and scripts.

Staying safe is your priority. You can start the process of making a claim once the water recedes.

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