



Be flood ready

Renowned for our pristine coastline, spectacular surroundings and the easy-going nature of our locals, Queensland is deservedly Australia's sunshine state.

However, sometimes we're confronted with extreme weather events that have somewhat become a part of our lives. Whether it be rain or drought, we've experienced it all. This is why it is important for us to be prepared.

By better understanding our surroundings and the lay of the land, Queenslanders can be better equipped for a flood before it hits.



I bet you didn't know...

Queensland holds the daily, monthly and yearly record for the most amount of rainfall in Australia's history. It's important to be prepared!

Preparation is key

Know the lay of your land

- Do I live on a floodplain?
- Does my property have a history of flooding?
- At what height do the rivers closest to me spill their banks?
- Which rivers and creeks flood first when there is lots of rain?
- Are there landscape elements on my own property that could contribute to flooding?
- Could I become isolated due to a flood?
- Your local Council, local SES, Council flood maps and *FloodCheck* maps from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy can help answer these questions.

Register for alerts and information

- Ensure you are aware of what is going on around your community.
- Contact your local Council to find out what weather event advice will be available through local officials.
- Register for storage level alerts from dam operators such as SunWater and Seqwater.
- Follow the Bureau of Meteorology online.

Create an emergency plan

- Customise the plan for your house and decide on a central meeting place.
- Gather important contacts.
- Delegate special duties to each family member – for example, who will grab the first aid kit or the waterproof torch?

Prepare an emergency kit

- Include copies of important documents and insurance information, a battery operated radio, gloves, clean drinking water, bandages, medicines, blankets and non-perishable snacks.
- Include a first-aid kit that is only to be used for emergency situations (including floods) and don't forget pet food and baby supplies.
- **Tip:** In the early stages of a flood, fill the bathtub for a source of fresh water.



Take action

1 Flood-proof your property

Flood-proof your property by considering the need for earthworks or renovations prior to a flood, or through the use of sandbags if a flood is imminent.

2 Regularly clear your roof gutters

Regularly clear your roofs gutters and maintain the trees surrounding your property.

3 Get to know your neighbours

Get to know your neighbours and go through your flood plan with them.

4 Move furniture and household items

Move furniture and household items to the second storey of your home (if possible) or to a high and dry place. This includes valuables, electronics and even chemicals! If chemicals come into contact with rising flood waters, the water can become contaminated and cause harm to yourself and others.

5 Secure or remove loose outdoor items

Secure or remove loose outdoor items such as outdoor furniture, play equipment and any 'junk' stored on your property.

6 Relocate animals and vehicles

Relocate animals and vehicles to higher ground if you are at risk of flooding.

Listen and learn



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In the case of a life-threatening emergency:

Phone ☎ 000

Where to get help

Do you know who to call if you are in a sticky situation?

SES: 132 500

Ergon Energy: 13 16 70 in an emergency
13 74 66 for network enquiries

Energex: 13 19 62 in an emergency
13 62 62 for power outages

My local evacuation centre is at:

My Local Disaster Management Group can be contacted at:

