



Disaster management

The Gold Coast has a sub-tropical climate and experiences severe weather: severe floods, storms, bushfires, cyclones and heat waves are the kinds of major natural incidents our city can face every year.

BE READY !

Prepare your Emergency plan

- Research your local library and local council for information and plans regarding hazards and disaster management on the Gold Coast.
- Become familiar with weather warnings issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (www.bom.gov.au)
- Discuss with your household: types of potential hazards and disasters; what to do in such an event; what preparation needs to be done for your pets; medical conditions of household members, who to contact and how to keep in touch; meeting place if you **can't return home and how to prepare to evacuate.**
- Teach small children when and how to call Triple Zero (000)
- Record important details:
 - * emergency and related phone numbers Triple Zero (000), 132 500 SES, medical services, local council, electricity and other service providers, insurance providers
 - * all household mobile phone and other numbers such as work, school, childcare, friends and neighbours
 - * Any specific medical conditions and essential medications and doses
 - * Pet details – photo, name, veterinarian contact numbers and medication
 - * Details of meeting places

- * Radio frequencies and websites for local warnings

Review and practise your emergency plan regularly (a few times per year)

Prepare your emergency kit

- Containers for holding water
- Wide masking tape for windows
- Hessian bags and sand for sandbagging (waterfront properties)
- Stocked First Aid Kit
- Candles and matches stored in a plastic bag

Emergency Kit stored in a safe accessible place

Prepare your home

1. Maintenance
 - Secure loose items around your property and garden that could cause damage in a high winds
 - Keep gardens tidied
 - Bring to the attention of the property manager any problems with gutters, downpipes and roofing.
2. Home Preparation
 - Ensure your contents and car insurances are current
 - In case of a cyclone or severe storm, identify where the smallest room with the least windows to shelter in (this usually being the strongest room)
 - Know where the water mains, power and gas are located to turn off

Warnings

- Tune into the local ABC Radio Station (www.abc.net.au/local)
- Check the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au)
- Telephone weather services for local warnings

Preparing emergency plan and home is an important step towards your family being prepared for, surviving and coping with emergencies

Resource: www.disaster.qld.gov.au
www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/council/disaster-management
<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/ses/>

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