

Be prepared for severe weather in Brisbane



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Brisbane Severe Weather Alert

- Register to receive free location-specific alerts via voice message, SMS and/or email.
- Alerts based on Bureau of Meteorology advice.
- Alerts can be translated in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Arabic (excluding voice messages).



To register, scan the QR code or visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au** and search 'Brisbane Severe Weather Alert'.

Your household emergency plan

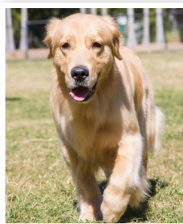
To prepare your household for severe weather emergencies, make a plan with your family or housemates.



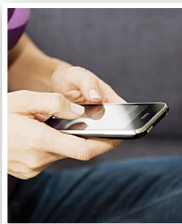
Discuss
emergencies with
your household



Pack an
emergency kit



Plan for your pets



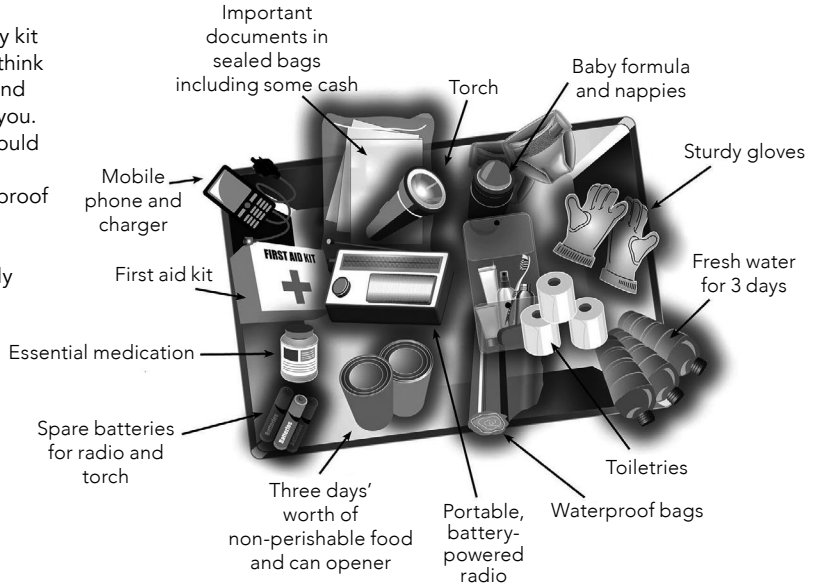
Learn which
services to call
in an emergency



Choose a friend
or relative to call
for help

Emergency kit

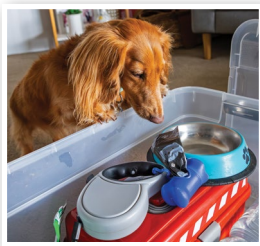
Everyone's emergency kit will look different, so think about your situation and pack what is right for you. All emergency kits should contain the following items, kept in a waterproof container and easy to access. Remember to check your kit regularly to make sure nothing has expired.





Babies and children

- Baby needs, e.g. formula, nappies
- Change of clothes
- Toys



Pets

- Pet supplies, e.g. water, food, bowls and blankets
- Harness or leash

Important documents

- House contents list
- Wills
- Insurance documents and policy numbers, e.g. life, car, house, contents
- Birth and marriage certificates
- Passports
- Medical details, e.g. Medicare, immunisation records and private health fund
- Financial documents, e.g. bank statement, shares

Remember: you may not have internet access

Storm safety

Before the summer storm season begins, trim tree branches well clear of your house. You should also:

- check and clear your gutters and downpipes
- identify loose objects in your yard such as outdoor furniture and toys that will have to be put away or secured if a storm approaches
- have masking tape and plastic sheeting available for emergency rain protection.

When the storm strikes

When a severe storm strikes, stay inside, keep away from windows and wait in the strongest part of the house (usually the bathroom). If you are outside, find shelter but do not stand under trees.

You should:

- listen to your battery-powered radio for storm updates
- keep away from trees, power lines and creeks if temporarily parking your car
- not use the landline during the storm.

After the storm passes

Once the storm has passed it's important to:

- listen to your local radio for official warnings and advice
- check your house for damage, e.g. roof, solar panels
- stay away from fallen power lines – report them to Energex on **13 19 62**
- beware of damaged buildings, trees and floodwaters
- be available to help neighbours if required.

If you need emergency help for life-threatening injuries phone **000** (triple zero), or **132 500** (SES) for temporary roof repairs or sandbagging.



Flooding

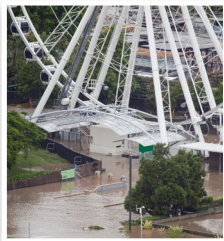
Flooding can occur any time of the year, especially from November to March.

Flood sources

All floods are different and can be triggered by various sources.



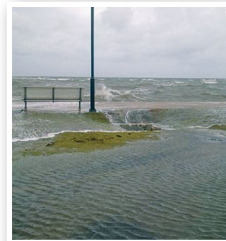
Creek flooding



River flooding



Overland flow



Storm surge

Remember: don't enter floodwaters

How to be prepared for flooding

- Check radio, television and online weather updates.
- Watch where water flows during heavy rain, which shows the path of possible floodwaters.
- Be aware that properties near a river, creek, gully or tidal waterway are more likely to flood.
- Talk to your insurer about flood insurance for your property.
- Prepare an emergency kit.
- Consider how the loss of power, road closures and interruptions to public transport could affect you.
- Talk to your neighbours who may have experienced previous floods.
- Never drive through or enter floodwaters.

Brisbane City Council's online Flood Awareness Map can be used to find out the possibility of flooding for a property.

Visit **brisbane.qld.gov.au** and search 'Flood Awareness Map'.

Bushfires

Bushfire season is usually from August to December. It's important to be prepared, particularly if you live near bushland areas.

Prepare your property

Properties that are prepared are far more likely to survive a bushfire. To protect your property, family and pets you should:

- clear space around buildings
- clear and remove undergrowth near buildings
- fill in any gaps around windows, door frames and eaves
- protect larger under-deck areas with non-flammable screens
- rake up bark, leaves and twigs
- make sure your property has clear access for fire trucks.



Emergency contacts

Life-threatening emergencies	000 (triple zero)
Police/fire/ambulance	000 or 112 (mobiles)
State Emergency Service (SES) for flooding or house damage	132 500
Energex (power lines)	13 19 62
Brisbane City Council	3403 8888
Translating and Interpreting Service	131 450
Plumber	
Electrician	
House insurance	
Car insurance	

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