

Rain, hail or shine!

My handy cyclone preparation checklist

Severe weather can strike at any time and preparation is key to limiting damage. As supporters of the good work done by the state emergency services, we want to guide you with keeping yourself and the things you love safe in the event of a cyclone - because what you do now can make a big difference when the cyclone hits.

Check out our tips below to get prepared.

Remember - in severe weather, some damage to your property can happen no matter how well you've prepared - make sure you're **adequately insured**.

1. Before the cyclone

- Check the condition of your roof
- Check for any structural damage that may have been caused by termites as they thrive in cyclone-prone regions.
- Remove any loose materials from the perimeter of your property that could blow away and cause potential injuries or damage
- Clean gutters and downpipes and check the roof for leaks
- Sweep debris away from drains and clear any that are blocked
- Trim tree branches near the house
- If you live in a cyclone-prone area, it's a good idea to fit permanent shutters or metal screens to glass windows and doors.
- Prepare an emergency kit to take with you.
- Keep a list of emergency numbers on display across different devices.

2. When a severe weather warning is issued

- Disconnect electrical appliances and all external television and radio aerials;
- Turn off electricity and gas main supplies if instructed by emergency authorities;
- Fill buckets and bath with clean water in case of interruptions to main supply;
- Close windows with shutters, or use strong tape in criss-cross pattern and draw curtains;
- Park vehicles under cover, away from trees, powerlines and waterways;
- If you cannot access undercover shelter for your vehicles, secure with firmly tied blankets to minimise hail damage;
- Check all household members are safe and are in the strongest room in the house, well clear of windows, doors and skylights.
- Take your emergency kit
- Tune in and listen to your local radio station for updates on the event and further warnings and safety messages.

Beware: Do not leave your home until an official advice has been received, otherwise you could be putting you and the safety of your loved ones at risk by mistakenly venturing outside during the 'eye of a cyclone'.

For more information on insurance products provided by our insurance partner CGU insurance [visit here](#).

This page provides general advice that has been sourced from emergency services. For up-to-date and specific advice relating to the risks in your area please speak to your local council or emergency services.

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