

Rain, hail or shine!

My handy flood 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 flood - because what you do now can make a big difference when the storm 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 flood

- Check if you're in a flood-prone area
- Prepare your Emergency Plan [here](#), familiarize you and your loved ones with it and practice regularly.
- Store all poisons and garden chemicals well above ground level.
- Identify indoor items you will need to raise or empty if flood threatens.
- Consider alternatives to carpet and relocate power-points to well above previous flood levels (using a licensed contractor).
- Check if your local council provides pre-filled sandbags and where to collect them.

2. When a severe weather warning is issued

- Disconnect electrical appliances
- Sandbag indoor drains and toilets to prevent sewage backflow
- Move outdoor equipment, garbage, chemicals and poisons to a higher location.
- Empty and raise freezers / refrigerators and stack or move furniture, valuables and electrical items off-site.
- Move livestock, plant and feed to higher ground
- If you need to evacuate due to the expected arrival of floodwater, follow the evacuation tips included in your Emergency Plan [here](#) and travel to your predetermined safer location

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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References:

<https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/downloadlibrary/Documents/GetReadyGuide-E.pdf>

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