



Preparing you for storm season

We're here to help should disaster strike

Storm

Before

Check your roof for damaged or loose tiles, or raised corners of corrugated sheets.

Trim overgrown tree branches and remove or secure loose items around the garden.

During

Move cars into the garage if you have one.

If power is lost, turn off and unplug electrical items, especially computers. DO NOT use wet or damp electrical appliances.

Flood

Before

Review your home and contents insurance to ensure it is adequate to cover you.

Plan what you'll do in case of a flood, and discuss with friends and neighbours.

During

Stay tuned to a portable radio for warnings and advice.

Do not drive into flood waters of unknown depth and current.

After

Stay away from fallen power-lines and damaged trees.

If you've left your home, make sure the gas and electricity are switched off before re-entering.

Cyclone

Before

Check with your local council if your home has been built to cyclone standards.

When a cyclone watch is issued, fill your car's fuel tank.

Ensure that your family members know which is the strongest part of your house.

During

Stay indoors (unless you are asked to evacuate) in the strongest part of the building.

Protect yourself with mattresses, rugs or blankets under a strong table or bench.

Bush fire

Before

Keep your lawn short and the backyard tidy, free from any build up of flammable material.

Consider purchasing a portable pump to use from your swimming pool or water tank.

During

Wear protective clothing and close all windows and doors.

Do not under any circumstances leave the house while the flame front moves through.

After

You can go outside and extinguish any spot fires in gutters etc.

If you have to leave your home because the fire has left it unsafe, protect the fire site from any further damage by weather, theft or vandalism.

Install an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms and test them regularly. Don't forget to replace the battery in each smoke alarm at least once a year.

Fire safety in your home

Fit a fire extinguisher in the home.

Never leave cooking or any other open flame unattended.

Don't overload power points. Switch off appliances when not in use.

Emergency kit

Having the right tools can make all the difference when tackling extreme weather events. Check that your emergency survival kit is up-to-date with these must-haves:

- ☐ Portable battery radio
- ☐ Matches
- ☐ Flashlights
- ☐ First-aid kit and manual
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Canned non-perishable food
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Water containers
- ☐ Waterproof bags
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Fuel lamp
- ☐ Cooking gear
- ☐ Eating utensils
- ☐ Portable stove
- ☐ Masking tape for windows