

Storm preparation checklist

Prepping your home before and during storm season can help minimise damage. Use this online checklist as guide to help prepare and secure your home.

PLAN & PREPARE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify the strongest room in your home to shelter in during storms. | <input type="checkbox"/> Know reliable sources to keep yourself up to date with information and warnings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make an emergency plan in case you need to evacuate. | <input type="checkbox"/> Have torches ready in case there's a power outage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check whether your neighbours need help. | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm arrangements for your animals. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Locate your emergency kit. | |

AROUND THE HOME

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Keep gutters and downpipes clear so water can drain away quickly. | <input type="checkbox"/> Secure loose material around your home and yard to prevent it being carried away by strong winds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Move outdoor equipment, rubbish, chemicals and poisons to a higher location. | <input type="checkbox"/> Fit windows with shutters or metal screens for added protection during high winds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have your roof checked annually by a qualified trades person to detect any pre-existing damage and/or repairs that may be needed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Locate and learn how to turn off your home's main electricity, gas and water supply. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If there's no undercover parking for your car, park away from trees, powerlines, and creeks. Use firmly tied down blankets to minimise hail damage. | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your local council or energy company if you think trees in your street may pose a threat to your property or powerlines. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trim trees and branches that hang over your home. Obtain council permission if required and be careful of any overhead powerlines. Please note we don't cover loss or damage caused by trees being lopped, felled or transplanted by you or someone you authorise. | |

IN THE HOME

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure your home, contents and car insurance are up to date. | <input type="checkbox"/> Take photos of your property, both inside and out. They could be helpful if you have to make an insurance claim. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safely unplug electrical items, aerials and computer equipment to avoid damage from a power surge. | <input type="checkbox"/> Close windows, shutters and curtains. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stay inside and away from windows. | |

CHECK YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

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Pack enough drinking water and non-perishable food for three days.

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Pack toiletries and towels.

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Pack your devices and chargers.

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Pack important documents and valuables, including cash.

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Have a first aid kit ready.

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Pack a torch with spare batteries.

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Organise hand sanitiser and face masks.

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Don't forget any medication and scripts.

Staying safe is your priority. You can start your claim process after the storm has passed.

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