Disaster Tips: Floods

Helping you navigate the rising water

Have plenty of food and water



3 days of water at minimum



You need at least 10 litres per person



Food should be non-perishable and have enough for **3 days**

Have Extra supplies

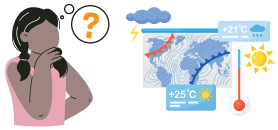


- ◯ Portable gas stove and cooking equipment
- ◯ Baby and pet supplies
- ◯ Batteries for flashlight, radio, hearing aids, etc.

You will also need:

- First aid kit
- Essential medication
- Essential toiletries
- Important documents
- Phones and power banks
- Rubbish bags
- Spare cloths
- Bedding
- Spare cash
- Emergency whistle

Actions to take



Stay up to date with the conditions

- ◯ Monitor weather
- ◯ Take note of road closures and roads at risk of flooding
- ◯ Set an escape condition, e.g. when X road closes, you leave on Y road
- ◯ Monitor **emergency radio broadcasts, emergency services websites** and **social media** and follow instructions from authorities

Prepare your House



- Bring all outdoor furniture, equipment, potted plants, and anything that could come loose if water levels reached it
- Place sandbags in all doorways
- Know how to **shut off** your house's **water, electricity** and **Gas** if you evacuate; everything needs to be completely shut off

If you need to leave



If a road is flooded, turn around and find another route



Even if it looks shallow, a car can float on as little as **15cm of water**

Avoid driving in heavy rain or at nighttime

Avoid driving unless it is completely necessary

Clean up



Wait for the all-clear announcement, there could always be more on the way



Avoid downed power lines or using wet appliances, and do not turn on the power to your house if it was flooded

Protect yourself: wear the right gear

- Heavy-duty waterproof boots
- Thick gloves
- Long-sleeve shirt and pants
- Safety goggles and mask
- Make sure to disinfect cuts and cover the wound fast

Do not assume flood water is safe

Flood water contains anything that was washed away:

- Broken glass
- Pieces of buildings
- Rubbish
- Sharp objects
- Suge water

Floodwater can also have a powerful current; even if the surface looks calm, it can be hiding one



15cm of fast-moving water is enough to cause an adult to fall

Research and Plan



Visit **nema.gov.au/prepare** to find relevant information about natural disasters in your state or territory.

Understand your risks

Contact your local council for more information about your community flood plan, evacuation points, hazard areas and escape routes

Be Prepared Now



Make sure you have an emergency plan for floods



A stock of non-perishable supplies during the time of year when flooding is most likely to occur



A fully stocked First Aid kit



Up-to-date knowledge of your area