

Our neighbourhood severe weather emergency plan

What street or neighbourhood is this shared
severe weather emergency plan for?

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Households covered by this plan

Contact name and phone number for each household:

- 1:
- 2:
- 3:
- 4:
- 5:
- 6:
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When severe weather is forecast

Identify the emergency preparation tasks your neighbours may need help with.

Property preparation tasks (tick all that may apply)

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| ☐ Sandbagging
vulnerable areas | ☐ Trimming branches
close to buildings | ☐ Securing outdoor furniture
and other equipment
(e.g. trampolines
and barbecues) |
| ☐ Moving vehicles
to safe locations | ☐ Clearing leaves from
gutters and downpipes | |
| ☐ Other: | | |
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Coordination of preparation activities

Will you communicate via a group text message, a WhatsApp chat or by door knocking?
Who's responsible for initiating action? And what will the trigger be?

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Coordination of essential emergency resources

Putting one person in charge of collecting a particular resource
can be more efficient than households working separately.

☐ Sandbags

Person responsible:

Ph number:

Local source or collection point:

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☐ Plywood or storm shutters

Person responsible:

Ph number:

Local source or collection point:

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☐ Bottled water

Person responsible:

Ph number:

Local source or collection point:

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☐ Plastic sheets or tarpaulins

Person responsible:

Ph number:

Local source or collection point:

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☐ Other:.....

Person responsible:

Ph number:

Local source or collection point:

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Information sharing and updates

Nominate an individual to monitor official warnings and share critical
information with the group via the agreed method.

Name: Ph number:

Information sources to monitor (tick all that apply):

☐ Bureau of Meteorology warnings

☐ SES alerts and updates

☐ Local ABC radio station. The frequency is:

☐ Other:

Maintaining contact without power or internet

Plan how you'll stay connected if power or mobile services are impacted for an extended period. (Tick all that apply):

- ☐ A daily meeting point. Where and what time each day:
- ☐ Written messages at a designated location. Where:
- ☐ Visual signals such as flags or signs. What and where:
- ☐ Door-to-door check-ins at specific times. Who's responsible and at what time:
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Shared skills and capabilities

Identify neighbours who may have skills to help in specific situations.

Medical or first aid skills

Name:
Ph number:
Qualifications:
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Handyperson or trade-based skills

Name:
Ph number:
Skills:
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Heavy lifting or physical tasks

Name:
Ph number:

Other skill:

Name:
Ph number:

Helping neighbours who need assistance

Identify anyone who may need extra support during a severe weather disaster and make a plan to help.

Name:
Address and ph number:
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Assistance needed:
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Who can help and how:
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Address and ph number:
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Plans for pets

Plan who can check in on or look after neighbourhood pets if their owners are away from home when a weather emergency occurs. If access to the property is required, make sure keys have been provided.

Pet carer #1 Name:
Ph number:
Can care for:

Pet carer #2 Name:
Ph number:
Can care for:

Shelter within the neighbourhood

Identify the strongest, safest buildings that could provide temporary shelter for neighbours if required.

Primary shelter location:

Address:
Contact person:
Ph number:

Secondary shelter location:

Address:
Contact person:
Ph number:

Neighbourhood evacuation plan

In the event of an evacuation order, agree on where you'll evacuate to and which route you'll take.

How you'll let each other know you're leaving:

Evacuation routes:
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Local evacuation centres:
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Which neighbours may need assistance evacuating?

Name:	Name:
Address and ph number:	Address and ph number:
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Assistance needed:	Assistance needed:
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Who can help:	Who can help:

Name:	Name:
Address and ph number:	Address and ph number:
.....	
Assistance needed:	Assistance needed:
.....	
Who can help:	Who can help:

**Keep your completed shared severe weather emergency plan with your severe weather emergency kit.
Make sure everyone the plan includes has a copy.**

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