

Get Ready Queensland Week 2021

Key messages

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- This week is Get Ready Queensland Week (10 to 16 October 2021) which means it's time for all Queenslanders to Get Ready for the upcoming severe weather season.
- Queensland has a beautiful and diverse landscape, and an equally diverse range of weather events with floods, cyclones, severe storms and bushfires.
- In fact, Queensland is the most disaster impacted state in Australia, with almost 90 disaster events in the past decade.
- The Bureau of Meteorology has predicted wetter than average conditions this year due to the formation of a La Niña in the tropical Pacific.
- Now's the time to prepare your household and community to protect what matters most and take the pressure off emergency services.
- Over the past 12 months Queensland had the highest annual population growth rate (1.6%) of any Australian state and territory, and this growth is continuing.
- For many of these new residents this will be their first Queensland summer and it is essential that they take the three steps to Get Ready:
 - Know your risk
 - Make an emergency plan
 - Pack an emergency kit



**UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK
IN YOUR AREA**

Step one: Know your risk

- Contact your local council to find out about natural disasters that may impact your home or local area.
- Talk to your neighbours and people in your community to see if there is a history of disasters in your area.
- Once you know the risks in your area, you can take steps to find out how best to protect your property, possessions, business and family.



**PREPARE A HOUSEHOLD
EMERGENCY PLAN**

Step two: Make an emergency plan

- The best way to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in an emergency is by keeping a Household Emergency Plan.
- Sit down with your family and make a list of important contacts like family and friends who live out of town, doctors, insurance providers, utility providers, emergency meeting places and details on where you'd stay if you needed to evacuate quickly.
- You can download an emergency plan at getready.qld.gov.au

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Step three: Pack an emergency kit

- Keep a waterproof kit full of emergency supplies you'd need to last at least three days at home if you were isolated due to flooding.
- Include plenty of non-perishable food and water, a torch, battery powered radio, toiletries including tissues and hand sanitiser, face masks, disinfectant wipes, spare batteries, gas cooker, medication and board games to help pass the time.

For more information on how to Get Ready
visit getready.qld.gov.au