Renters

* Emergency preparedness is not just a concern for home owners, it’s important for renters to be prepared too.
* Now’s the time to complete a few simple steps to protect your belongings and stay safe if you are unable to leave your home for a few days.

**Make an emergency plan**

* Creating a plan for your household takes just 10 minutes and can save you time, money and stress in the event of a disaster.
* Your plan should include:
  + A written copy of important contacts including your property manager or landlord;
  + Emergency meeting places; and
  + Details on where you’ll stay if you need to evacuate quickly.

**Pack emergency supplies**

* Now’s the time to start building a kit with essential items you’ll need in case you are isolated at home or need to evacuate during a disaster.
* Your kit should include:
  + at least three days’ worth of water and non-perishable food;
  + a torch;
  + battery powered radio;
  + toiletries including tissues and hand sanitiser;
  + face masks;
  + disinfectant wipes;
  + spare batteries;
  + a first-aid kit including prescription medication; and
  + copies of important documents like your Rental Tenancy Agreement, identification and insurance documents in your emergency kit.

**Check your insurance**

* Having adequate insurance is a vital part of being prepared for severe weather.
* Renters are not covered by their landlord's insurance policies.
* The first step to making sure you have enough contents insurance is by taking a household inventory of everything you own including things like electronics, furniture and jewellery.
* You might be surprised at how much your contents is worth.
* Having contents insurance will help protect you from financial loss following a disaster.
* Shop around to find the best policy for you and if you already have contents insurance, check with your insurer to make sure you’re covered for damage from disasters.

For information on what to do if your rental property is impacted by a disaster, visit rta.qld.gov.au or call the Residential Tenancies Authority on 1300 366 311.

**For more information on how to prepare this disaster season,**

**visit getready.qld.gov.au**