

Get Ready Queensland Week 2022

Key Messages

- It's Get Ready Queensland Week (10 – 16 October 2022), which is when Queenslanders prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.
- We have a beautiful and diverse state, but we are also home to the most natural disasters in the country.
- Queenslanders face severe storms, floods, cyclones, bushfires, heatwaves and even threats from tsunami and earthquakes.
- In 2022, more than half of the state has been impacted by extreme weather – often by more than one weather event in just a few months.
- Now, the Bureau of Meteorology has predicted a La Nina weather pattern for the third year in a row, bringing wetter than average conditions again to Queensland.
- Every household is encouraged to get ready now.
- Research shows that well over half of all Queenslanders are already getting ready this year – so make sure you and your household are too.

3 Steps to Get Ready

- Getting ready is easy and it doesn't have to cost a lot of money.
- Just doing small things can ensure your home and family stay safe and comfortable when extreme weather hits.
 1. **Understand your risk** – impacts from extreme weather are different for everyone. Learn about what can happen where you live and how it could affect your family.
 2. **Have a plan** – make a household emergency plan so your family knows what to do and who to contact in extreme weather. It takes just a few minutes and will give you peace of mind that your information is in one place.
 3. **Pack a kit** – grab a few extra items next time you are at the supermarket to make an emergency kit.
- This year we want Queensland to thinking about packing:
 - Long life food and toiletries in case you can't get to the shops
 - Drinking water in case the water supply stops working
 - Batteries, a torch and a radio in case the power goes out.
- These are the basics, but you can think about what items your family might use if you had to stay at home for three days.
- Get Ready Queensland has useful information and tips on their website, so be sure to visit: getready.qld.gov.au.
- Some Queenslanders say they are happy to wait until extreme weather is predicted before taking action, but we know it is only a matter of time... and getting ready early means you and your family won't get caught out.



- Experience shows that communities that are well prepared and supported before a disaster occurs are more resilient and able to recover faster.
- Plus, if we all do our little bit, we take pressure of emergency services, who can instead focus on saving lives.

Supporters of Get Ready Queensland

Johnathan Thurston – Ambassador for Get Ready Queensland

- In 2022, Johnathan Thurston has again stepped up as Get Ready Queensland Ambassador.
- Since 2020, the rugby league legend has been helping Queenslanders understand what they can do to prepare for extreme weather.

Suncorp – Proud sponsor of Get Ready Queensland

- Suncorp is proud to again be sponsoring Get Ready Queensland's annual preparedness campaign.
- Suncorp has been generously sponsoring Get Ready Queensland since 2020, significantly increasing the reach and impact of these important messages across the state.

IGA – 2022 retail partner

- This year, IGA is helping Queenslanders get ready for disaster season.
- IGA stores sit at the heart of local communities and their support of Get Ready Queensland is helping strengthen the call to Queenslanders to get their home and family ready for extreme weather.