

The Go-To Cyclone Checklist

Cyclones commonly occur around coastal areas of Australia between November and April. So, take these precautionary measures to help you be better prepared.

Before a cyclone

- Pack a survival kit and evacuation pack in case you need to leave on short notice (your evacuation pack should include any important documents, keepsakes and any sentimental items you can't replace).
- Check with your local council to see if your home has been built to cyclone standards.
- Have your roof inspected by a qualified roofing contractor to ensure it can withstand heavy weather.
- Trim treetops and branches well clear of your home (make sure you seek council permission first).
- Fit shutters or metal screens to all glass areas of your home to help protect it from debris.
- Clear your property of any loose material that could damage your home during extreme winds.
- Know your nearest safe high ground and how to access it.
- Fill your car with fuel when there's a cyclone warning.
- Ensure your family knows where the strongest part of the house is.
- Listen to your portable radio for new warnings and advice (this includes locations on where to pick up sandbags for potentially affected areas).

During a cyclone

- Disconnect all electrical appliances. Listen to your battery radio for updates.
- Keep your radio on to listen to regular safety alerts from SES or State Government on recommended actions, and if it is safe to remain in your home, stay indoors near the most secure part of the home.
- Keep your evacuation and survival kits nearby at all times.
- Use a mattress, rug or blanket under a strong table or bench to help protect yourself if your home starts to break up.
- Drive carefully as roads may be filled with debris.

Survival kit should include:

- Portable battery radio, torch, and spare batteries.
- Water, dried or canned food for 3 days, and a can opener.
- Fuel or battery-powered lantern, matches, portable stove, cooking gear, eating utensils.
- Cash for supplies.
- First aid kit with manual.



Download the GIO App

Download the GIO App to keep up to date with approaching storms via weather alerts.