

The Go-To Flood Checklist

Floods can strike at any time, so it's important to be prepared and act quickly. So, in case of a flood here are some tips and tricks you can use to help protect your home.

After a flood

- Stay away from fallen powerlines and damaged trees.
- Before re-entering your home, make sure your gas and electricity is switched off.
- Don't eat food that has touched flood water.
- Store important documents in watertight containers.

During a flood

- Switch off your electricity and gas.
- Listen to your portable radio for new warnings and advice (this includes locations on where to pick up sandbags for potentially affected areas).
- Move your furniture above the likely flood level.
- If you need to evacuate, lock your home and take the recommended evacuation route.
- Keep your radio on to listen to regular safety alerts from SES or State Government on recommended best actions to carry out during the event.
- Boil tap water until resources are declared safe.
- Beware of snakes and spiders that may have moved into your home.
- Make sure the entire family avoids flood waters.

Before a flood

- Pack a survival kit.
- Devise a flooding plan with friends, family and neighbours.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers handy.
- Take detailed photos of your property.

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.



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