

The Home Maintenance Checklist

Australian weather can often be harsh and unpredictable, so here's some tips and tricks you can apply to your home to help make it more resilient, all year round.

Everyday tasks

- Make sure your plumbing is up to standard. Inspect and check the condition of your roof, gutters and downpipes on a regular basis, and clear them if they appear too cluttered.
- Have your roof inspected by a professional regularly.
- Check for structural integrity.
- Check for pests.
- Check and service your electrical devices and motors (like smoke alarms, batteries, air conditioners etc.). Always contact a licensed electrician if you identify any damage or fraying. They can also help check the safety of your appliances and meter box.
- Perform regular plumbing checks around the house including flexi hoses.
- If you're dealing with water leaks check out GIO's [How to Avoid Water Leaks](#) checklist.
- Trim or remove trees that are too close to your home.
- Install security systems to help keep your home safe from any unwanted visitors.
- Perform mould checks around your home regularly.
- Check general repairs and home surroundings.
- Always have a survival and first aid kit prepared for emergencies.

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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