

GET READY IPSWICH

Your guide to living with
disasters in our city



**Make a
household
emergency plan**

**Create an
emergency kit**



**Prepare
your home**



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Managing food safety

- store food and drinks away from potential contaminants, such as flood waters, chemicals



Throw out:

- food left unrefrigerated or above 5 degrees Celsius for 4+ hours
- frozen food after 48 hours (full freezer) or 24 hours (half full freezer)
- open, swollen or damaged canned food

Remember, if in doubt throw it out!

Drinking water

- check with water supplier it is safe to drink
- run taps for a few minutes
- clean tap and parts with hot water and detergent



Cleaning up your property

- use personal protective equipment
- use qualified tradesperson to undertake repairs
- turn off power, gas if building is damaged
- wash hands with soap and clean water regularly
- throw away cracked or damaged items
- many buildings constructed in Queensland before 1990 may have used **asbestos containing materials**



Mould

Heat, humidity, and water cause mould to grow:

- avoid breathing in, touching or eating mould
- use a mould cleaning and killing solution
- throw out absorbent items if wet for 2+ days
- open windows and doors to air out rooms
- reduce sources of moisture where possible
- clean out and service air conditioning, ventilation units



Crops, pest animals and weed management

- check for new invasive plants and animals
- clean down farm and transport vehicles and machinery



Mosquito borne diseases

- remove pools of standing water
- check mosquito screens and valve flaps on rainwater tanks
- wear long, loose light coloured clothing, use repellent
- repair/replace damaged insect screens



EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION CHECKLIST



Food and water (three days' worth)

- non-perishable food
- can opener, gas stove with fuel, utensils, plates, cutlery
- infant formula
- drinking water (minimum of 5-10 litres per person per day, plus animals)
- esky

Medical and sanitation (three days' worth)

- first aid kit
- essential medication, prescriptions
- sanitation provisions, including for animals
- toiletries
- glasses – reading, sun
- sunscreen, insect repellent
- nappies

Communications

- portable, battery operated radio
- extra batteries
- mobile devices, charger, power pack
- prepaid phone card, coins for public phone
- remember, a power outage may affect your internet, landline phone/nbn™ network access
- torch/lantern

Tools and supplies

- basic tool kit, duct tape
- woolen blankets
- tent or tarpaulin

In a waterproof bag

- insurance and registration papers
- list of household goods
- will, life insurance
- house deeds/mortgage documents
- birth, marriage certificates
- passports, visa details
- medicare, pension cards
- medical and healthcare provider records
- bank details
- copy of computer files
- copy of Household Emergency Plan
- emergency contact telephone numbers
- valuable items

Clothing and footwear

For everyone:

- at least one complete change of clothing and footwear, store in plastic bags
- rain gear, long sleeve shirts and trousers
- closed-toe shoes or boots
- hat and sturdy gloves

Other

- spare keys
- books, games, toys for children, animals
- extra items for people with special needs
- animals' provisions

Additional items to prepare for evacuation include:

- sleeping bags, blankets and pillows for each person
- fuel for vehicles



Animals and evacuation

Animals are your responsibility, even during an emergency or disaster.

Be prepared

- have three days' worth of food and water for all animals
- have a supply of medication for all animals
- evacuate animals to a safer location well in advance and away from the emergency zone
- practice at least two different evacuation routes with your animals
- secure animals inside, under shelter or on higher ground before an event
- use a secure carrier/cage, leash, harness, float, container with secure lid and air holes to transport animals
- ensure all vaccinations, stock registers, microchips, council registrations remain current
- have a current photograph of each animal to assist with identification

Bushfire. Storm. Flood.

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SHELTERS AND EVACUATION



1.

Shelter
in place

Your current location may be your safest and most comfortable option in an event



2.

Place
of refuge

You may need to find a short term place to shelter or take refuge as an event unfolds

Seeking refuge at an evacuation centre should be your last resort... because they are not a resort!

3.

Evacuation

Ipswich City Council follows *Australian Red Cross Preferred Sheltering Practices for Emergency Sheltering in Australia*. Some sheltering practices include:

IMMEDIATE SHELTERING PHASE

Toilet allocation



Space allocation



TEMPORARY SHELTERING PHASE

Toilet allocation



Space allocation



SLEEPING



30-40cm gap

1.5m aisle



Double row of beds head to head

SHOWERS

HOT CLIMATE



TEMPORATE CLIMATE



INFORMATION BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER AN EVENT

LOG ON

- Download the free MyIpswich Alerts app
- Visit council's disaster website regularly for updates:
ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency
- Visit Facebook and Twitter
 - Bureau of Meteorology
 - Ipswich City Council
 - Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
 - Queensland Police Service
- TV broadcast

TUNE IN

- To **ABC 612 AM** or **River 94.9 FM**



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