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Extreme Weather Event Preparedness Checklist for Foster Carers

This helpful checklist contains tasks designed to assist anyone with preparing themselves, their property and its occupants for an Extreme Weather Event.

General Tasks	Complete
House or garden maintenance to prepare for the season	<input type="checkbox"/>
Put loose items located in the yard away securely	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be aware of the type of weather events that affect your neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider downloading relevant disaster plans and completing them for your property	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make a list of contacts you would want handy if you were to evacuate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Make a list of must have items you would want to take if evacuated including medication, valuables, photos, aids and equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack an emergency kit with any medications, must have items and contact numbers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider pets and what they may need / how you could take them if evacuating	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listen to your local radio for information / watch tv / media for updates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purchase a battery powered radio in case of blackout	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fill buckets and bath with clean water in case of interruptions to water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow all instructions provided by police and emergency services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fill vehicle with fuel	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bushfire preparedness tasks	Complete
If you already have a Fire Plan- follow it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clear gutters, trim back any overhanging trees and vegetation and keep grass low near the house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove material that can burn e.g. door mats, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture, wood piles, compost	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare a sturdy hose that will reach around the home (you'll need a reliable source of water)	<input type="checkbox"/>
If possible, maintain alternative water sources e.g. water tanks, swimming pools, water-filled garbage bins to use if water is cut.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reposition gas cylinders away from trees, direct pressure valves away from house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place valuables, precious items, hard drives, and important documents within a strong, fire-proof safe or pack to evacuate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decide the stage you will leave e.g. smoke, or when there is a fire nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify a meeting place that is safe and away from a fire area – could be a friend's house or shopping centre.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify the safest way to get to the meeting place with a backup plan in case it is blocked.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Know your nearest neighbourhood safe area e.g. sports ground, or local building identified for use during a fire.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Flooding preparedness tasks	Complete
If you already have a Flood Plan - follow it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify your nearest safe high ground and the safest way to it	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place valuables, precious items, hard drives and important documents within strong, water-proof garbage bags and tape up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move outdoor items to a higher location (highest possible) and secure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify where and how to turn off the mains for water, electricity and gas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stack or move furniture and valuable items off site to a higher location	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close windows, shutters and curtains	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandbag internal drains and toilets to prevent backflow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park vehicles under cover, away from trees, powerlines and waterways. Cover with secure blanket to reduce hail damage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Know your nearest neighbourhood safe area e.g. sports ground, local building or another town identified for use during a flood.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cyclone preparedness tasks	Complete
If you already have a Cyclone Plan – follow it	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you live in a low-lying coastal area, you may need to leave earlier	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify your nearest safe high ground and the safest way to travel to it	<input type="checkbox"/>
If house is built to withstand a cyclone and is well maintained, you can shelter there.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check your house for loose timber, rusted roofing, damaged surfaces that may come loose and organise for repair or secure if possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fasten any cyclone screens, board up or heavily tape exposed windows and doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure loose items in yard e.g. boat, caravan, trailer, sheds, outdoor furniture, LPG bottles, kennels etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pack away loose items into cupboards and secure the cupboard doors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stack interior furniture if flooding may be an issue.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandbag internal drains and toilets to prevent backflow.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lock doors, close curtains / blinds and stay away from windows	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare shelter area with mattresses, blankets, pillows and emergency kit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place valuables, precious items and important documents within strong, water-proof garbage bags and tape up.	<input type="checkbox"/>
During a cyclone turn off mains supply to water, electricity and gas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stay inside until all the All Clear is given from authorities.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Allow time to secure your property.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consider pets.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leave well before extreme weather event affects our property.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Take enough food and supplies to last everyone a few days.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay attention to all warnings and follow advice given by police and emergency services workers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advise friends you are evacuating. Let them know you have arrived safely and when you return.	<input type="checkbox"/>