



Prepare your Household Emergency Kit



We enjoy a wonderful climate and lifestyle in Queensland. However, natural hazards such as cyclone, storm, and flood are an inevitable part of our environment. History has shown that we cannot afford to be complacent about the dangers they present.

Take time now to prepare for emergencies by:

- Preparing your Emergency Plan;
- Preparing your Emergency Kit; and
- Preparing your home.

These simple tasks can help you prepare for, survive, and minimise the impact of natural disasters.

Here is a range of suggested tips to help prepare your Emergency Kit and ensure everyone in your household is prepared:

- Store your Emergency Kit in a safe, accessible place.
- Ensure householders are all aware of the location of your Emergency Kit.
- Keep a copy of this Emergency Kit Checklist in your kit.
- Check the contents of your kit regularly to ensure items are in working order and have not expired.
- Discuss the contents of the kit with your household and make sure everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.

The following lists include items to have in your kit at all times and extra essentials to add to your kit during the storm and cyclone seasons for when weather warnings are issued.

Items to include in your Emergency Kit at all times

Food and water

Range of non-perishable food items

Bottled water

Medical and sanitation supplies

First Aid Kit and manual

Essential medications, prescriptions and dosage

Toilet paper

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Soap/shampoo

Personal hygiene items

Light

Flashlight/torch with extra batteries

Battery powered lantern

Communications

Battery powered radio with extra batteries

Traditional wired telephone

Prepaid phone cards and coins for phone calls

Clothing and footwear

Warm jumper, waterproof jacket, hat and gloves for everyone

Closed-toed shoes or boots for everyone

Tools and supplies

Whistle, utility knife, duct/masking tape

Plastic garbage bags, ties

Safety Glasses and sun glasses

Miscellaneous items

Special Items for Infants (nappies, formula etc)

Special items needed by elderly or people with special needs

Spare house and car keys

Pet food, water and other animal needs

Important documents

Keep original or certified copies of the following documents in your Emergency Kit. Scan copies of these documents and save on a USB memory stick or CD to include in your kit. Keep all these items in sealed plastic bags.

Insurance papers for your house and contents, cars, and for valuable items

Inventory of valuable household goods

Wills and life insurance documents

House deeds/mortgage documents

Birth and marriage certificates

Passports/visa details

Stocks and bonds

Medicare, pension cards, immunisation records

Bank account and credit card details

A back-up copy of important computer files

Household Emergency Plan with emergency contact phone numbers

always remember

Having an Emergency Kit is an important step for your family to prepare for, survive and cope with emergencies.

All householders need to know where your Emergency Kit is kept.

Check and update the contents of your Emergency Kit regularly.

Emergency Kit



Extra items to include in your Emergency Kit during cyclone and storm season.

Weather warnings are issued when emergencies like floods, storms and cyclones are expected. During storm and cyclone season add the following items to your Emergency Kit.

It is preferable to keep stocks of these items in your kit all the time. However, if you do not have enough space in your kit – make a note of where to find the extra items in your home so you can collect them quickly. If you have visitors during an emergency, you will need supplies for them also.

Food and water

in kit or Location

Three days supply of non-perishable food (plus can opener, cooking gear, plates and utensils)

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Clean water in sealed containers

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(10 litres per person is recommended for three days supply)

Water purification tablets

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Medical and sanitation supplies

Extra supplies of medications

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Extra toiletry and sanitary supplies, sunscreen and insect repellent

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Prescription details for all medications

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Spare spectacles

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Tools, communications and supplies

Wide masking tapes for windows

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Wrench or pliers to turn off all utilities

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Tent or tarpaulin

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Woollen and thermal blankets

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A mobile phone, spare battery and charger

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Clothing and footwear

in kit or located

Change of clothes for everyone, stored in plastic bags

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Spare clothes and bedding

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Miscellaneous items

Extra supplies for infants (extra formula, nappies etc)

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Extra items for the elderly or people with special needs

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Spare cash in case electronic bank tellers don't work

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Pets- provisions and information, (eg vets papers, leash, food & water, collars with identification tag, pet beds, litter pan & scooper, carrier or harness, medication)

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In an emergency, there may be interruptions to power and water supplies.

Ensure that you have adequate stocks of the following supplies on hand:

Barbeque or portable stove with fuel

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Fully charged batteries for mobile phone

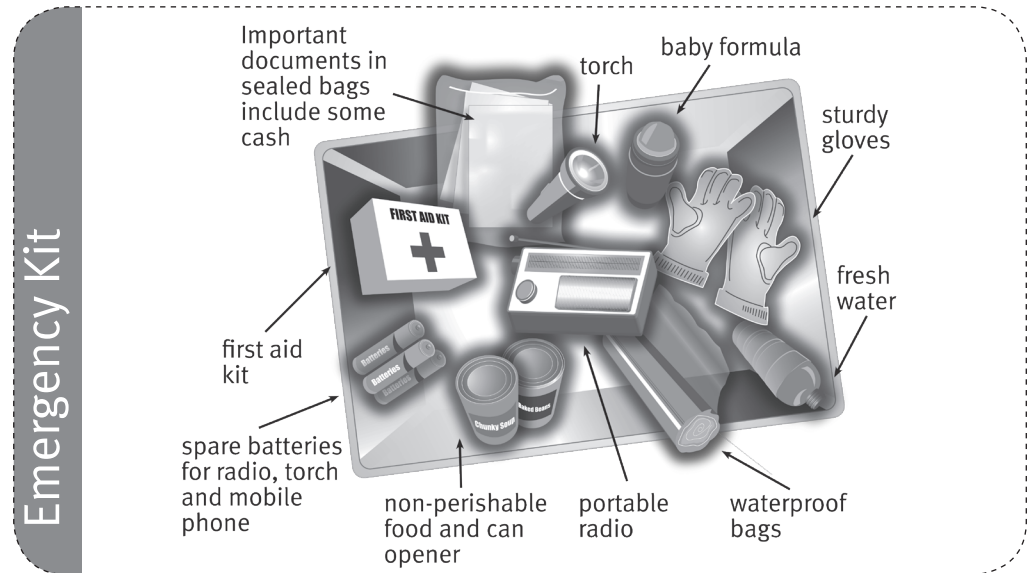
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Spare batteries for torch and radio

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Esky or gas / battery powered refrigerator

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For more information on preparing for emergencies visit www.emergency.qld.gov.au

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