

Preparing an emergency kit for your family

Having an emergency kit will help your family prepare for an emergency.

An emergency kit provides essential items for your family's short term survival whether you choose to stay at home or need to relocate to a safer place before, during or after a natural hazard such as cyclone, storm, flood and bushfire.

Start your Emergency Kit with the following items

- Portable, battery operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries
- Waterproof torch with extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Bottled drinking water (to last at least three days for each person)*
- Canned or non-perishable food items and can opener (to last at least three days for each person)*
- Copies of important documents. Scan copies of these documents and save them on a USB memory stick or CD to include in your kit. Keep these items in sealed plastic bags
- Survival plan with emergency contact phone numbers

* You may require food and water for your family to last more than three days depending on your location and family's needs



Additional items may be included in your emergency kit. 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. Place this note in your emergency kit.

- Spare cash in case ATMs do not work
- Debit cards, credit cards, prepaid phone cards and coins for phone calls
- Mobile phone and charger
- Medications, prescriptions, toiletries and sanitary supplies
- Special items for infants, elderly or people with special needs
- Spare house and car keys
- Pet food, water and other animal needs
- Change of clothes for everyone including warm jumper, waterproof jacket, hats, gloves and closed-toed shoes or boots stored in plastic bags
- Cooking gear/eating utensils, portable gas stove/BBQ, container for boiling water
- Whistle and pocket/utility knife

If you have visitors during an emergency, you should consider supplies for them also.

All family members need to know where your emergency kit is kept.

Check and update the contents of your emergency kit every 12 months. Use a birthday, anniversary or special date as a reminder for your family to do this every year.



Did you know?

If you are relocating to an evacuation centre due to a cyclone/flood you must take your own bedding/sleeping bags, food and supplies with you. In most cases these will NOT be provided for you.

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Remember your pets!

Pack their vet papers, food and water, bowls, leash, collars with ID tags, bedding, litter pan and scooper and medication.



Did you know?

Evacuation centres do not allow pets.

You will not be able to take your pets with you to evacuation centres (other than guide and assistance dogs). If you have pets you will need to consider where to relocate them if your home is not safe.

Use waterproof containers or dry-bags to keep your emergency kit in. This will reduce the chance of items being damaged or wet during storm and cyclone season.



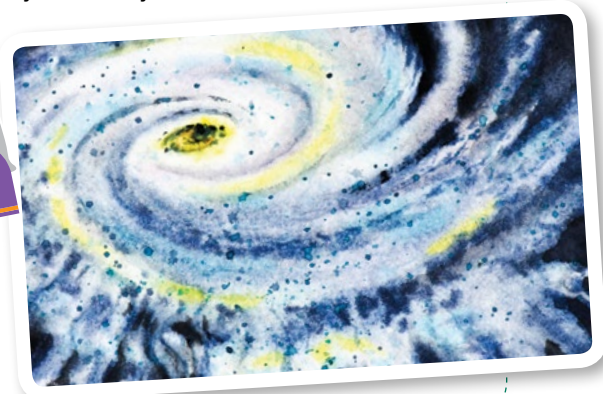
Ensure that your emergency kit includes loose fitting clothes made from natural fibres like pure wool, heavy cotton drill or denim.

This will provide some protection if you are in or near a bushfire. Protective equipment including sturdy leather shoes/boots, face mask, leather gloves, safety goggles or glasses for everyone should be included.

Before cyclone season prepare a relocation kit for your family in case you need to relocate to safer accommodation.

A relocation kit is an addition to your family's emergency kit. A relocation kit is useful when you decide, or authorities advise you, that your life and property are at risk and you need to relocate to a safer place.

Your relocation kit should include warm, spare clothes, sleeping bags and bedding and enough food and supplies for a minimum of three days for everyone in your family.



More information on emergency and relocation kits can be found at www.dfes.wa.gov.au

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