

Storm Guide

Know your risk. Get prepared. Follow advice.

In NSW storm season falls between September & April, but major storms can happen at any time of the year.



For emergency assistance during a flood, storm or tsunami call **NSW SES** on **132 500**.
or visit **ses.nsw.gov.au**

What can you do now to prepare your home & property?



Whether you live in your own home or you're a tenant, it's important to prepare before every storm season to help minimise the potential damage caused by severe weather.

- **Trim** trees & branches that could fall on your property.
- **Fix** any damage to your roof including broken tiles & debris.
- **Clean** your gutters, downpipes & drains to prevent blockages.
- **Secure** loose outdoor items & furniture when not in use.
- **Check** your home & contents insurance is up to date.



Make your emergency plan



Talk with your family, friends & neighbours about what you will do during severe weather.

Scan the QR code to start your plan.



What can you do during a storm?



Storms can become extremely dangerous, with destructive winds, heavy rainfall, damaging hail & flash flooding.

- **Seek** secure shelter away from trees, power-lines & low-lying areas.
- **Bring** children & pets indoors, keeping them away from windows.
- **Reconsider** all non-essential travel, only leave a sheltered area if absolutely required.
- **Secure** loose outdoor items, furniture or play equipment. These can be a hazard during high winds or if swept away during a flood.
- **Review** your emergency plan. It should outline what actions you & your family will take if severe weather strikes.
- **Listen** to local media for information, updates & follow all advice from emergency services.



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In a life-threatening emergency, call **Triple Zero (000)**.

Recovering from a storm



Hazards may remain after severe weather events, so it's important to know your risks & take adequate precautions before, during & after an emergency.

- **Avoid** entering a damaged building unless authorities tell you it is safe.
- **Assess** your home or property for damage.
- **Follow** health & safety advice.
- **Seek** professional assessments for any damaged structures, electrical items & insurance.
- **Stay** around your location. Sightseeing will hinder recovery efforts or put yourself & others at risk.
- **Keep** away from powerlines, trees & water.
- **Check** to see if your neighbours need help.

If you have been affected by floods, recovery support services will help you in your recovery journey by providing personalised, free, long-term support.

To learn more about recovering from storms, visit: ses.nsw.gov.au/recovery





Know the warnings



NSW SES warnings use a consistent set of icons from the **Australian Warning System (AWS)**, to help people across Australia easily identify the type of hazard and warning level.

There are three levels within the AWS: **Advice, Watch and Act, & Emergency Warning.**

During severe weather you may not always receive an official warning. Look out for the natural signs of storms: **gathering of heavy clouds, darkening skies, increasing winds, thunder, lightning & heavy rainfall.**

To learn more about the AWS & warnings, visit:
ses.nsw.gov.au/warnings

Add any important notes & contact details:



Be prepared with these apps

Download these four apps for weather warnings, hazard notifications, road impacts & help from emergency services.

Hazards Near Me NSW



Set up your watch zones to receive notifications on changing local conditions.



Emergency Plus



The 'what 3 words' feature shares your precise location with emergency services.



BOM Weather



Check for weather forecasts, radars & warnings wherever you are.



Live Traffic NSW



Plan ahead & see what hazards are impacting your route on NSW roads.



For more information, visit:
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