

Your Get Ready to Go kit

HOW TO PREPARE A KIT FOR EVACUATIONS

Due the depth and danger of floods in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley, when an Evacuation Order is issued you may only have a few hours to leave.

Why you need a kit

- A significant flood in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley will cause damage to people's homes. It will also cause major disruptions to essential services such as water, electricity, gas, roads and rail lines.
- By the time you know a flood might impact your property, there may be very little time before you have to leave. A key step to getting ready for floods (or for any other natural hazard) is to prepare a Get Ready to Go kit.
- The kit should contain what you will need during and immediately after evacuation, whether you are going to family and friends, or to an evacuation centre.

What to do now

-  Either scan, photograph or upload to the cloud, key records and documents (insurance, ID, passports etc)
-  Put key contact information into your mobile phone (eg doctor, electricity and water utilities etc)
-  Photograph or scan medication scripts
-  Check your home and contents insurance policy cover

What you can place in your kit earlier

-  Portable radio with spare batteries
-  Torch with spare batteries
-  First aid kit (with supplies necessary for your household)
-  Candles and waterproof matches
-  Personal hygiene supplies
-  Waterproof bag for valuables such as important documents (eg passports or insurance) and valuables (photos, jewellery etc)

What to add to your Get Ready to Go kit when you are leaving

-  A few toys or family games
-  A good supply of required medications
-  Any special requirements and supplies for babies, the disabled, infirm and/or elderly
-  Fresh food and drinking water
-  Appropriate clothing and footwear for multiple changes for all household members
-  Mobile phone and charger



For pets and animals you need a separate kit:

Consider restraint and transport, food, water, toileting, medications, first aid, housing and bedding:



Cages or pet carriers for each animal; or



Bowl or feed bucket; can opener and spoon



Litter and litter tray for cats



Muzzle and leash; or lead rope and head collar for each animal



Woollen blanket, towels or bedding



Poo bag for dogs



3-7 days of food and water for each animal



Animal medications and first aid items



Pet toys



Take a photo of your pet's vaccination certificate

Maintaining and storing your kit

Your kit should be kept in a waterproof storage container and stored in a safe place that is easy to access.

On a regular basis, check your Get Ready to Go kit (remember to check use-by dates on batteries and medications) and restock items if you need to.

Also, keep a list of emergency numbers near your phone or on your fridge.