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
- Muzzle and leash; or lead rope and head collar for each animal
- 3–7 days of food and water for each animal
- Bowl or feed bucket; can opener and spoon
- Woollen blanket, towels or bedding
- Animal medications and first aid items
- Take a photo of your pet’s vaccination certificate
- Litter and litter tray for cats
- Poo bag for dogs
- Pet toys

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.

Find out more at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/hawkesbury-nepean-floods