

# Your Get Ready to Go kit


HOW TO PREPARE A KIT FOR EVACUATIONS

Due to the depth and danger of floods in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley, when an Emergency Warning to evacuate is issued you may not have a lot of time to get ready and 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:

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Cages or pet carriers for each animal; or
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Bowl or feed bucket; can opener and spoon
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Litter and litter tray for cats
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Muzzle and leash; or lead rope and head collar for each animal
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Woollen blanket, towels or bedding
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Poo bag for dogs
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3-7 days of food and water for each animal
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Animal medications and first aid items
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Pet toys
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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.

