



STORM
INFORMATION

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FIVE STEPS TO GET READY FOR A STORM

STEP ONE - UNDERSTAND YOUR RISK

What is a storm?

STORMS can comprise of heavy rainfall and flash flooding, damaging winds, lightning strikes and hail.

Storms can last many hours and travel long distances, potentially causing damage to homes and vehicles, and causing loss of power, isolation and flash flooding.



Severe storms or thunderstorms, as classified by the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM), are storms that are likely to produce:

- **Large hail measuring more than 2cm in diameter;**
- **Wind speeds of more than 90 km an hour; and**
- **Heavy rainfall conducive to flash flooding.**

The Bureau of Meteorology issues severe thunderstorm warnings for thunderstorms that are expected to produce any the above severe phenomena. For more information go to bom.gov.au.

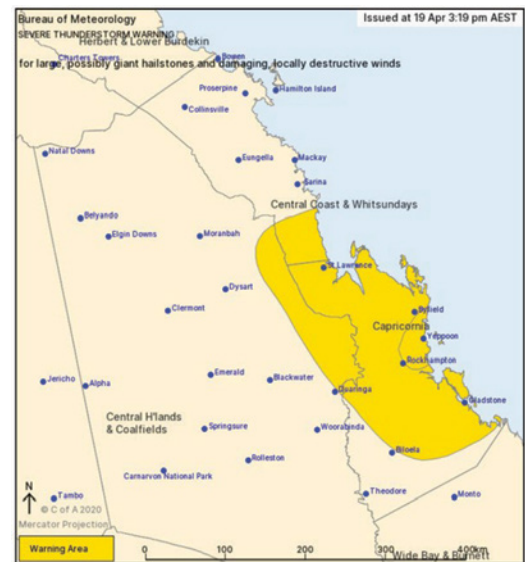
Severe Thunderstorm Warnings

Severe Thunderstorm Warnings contain the following information:

- Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS) - sounded only for the most serious events
- Phenomena expected in the warning area, e.g. large hail, damaging winds, flash flooding
- Immediate threat area (graphical detailed warning)
- Storm location and movement (graphical detailed warning)
- Warning issue time
- Description of the threat
- Action statements
- Advice of next issue time

For more information on storms, head over to the Bureau of Meteorology's [severe thunderstorms webpage](http://bom.gov.au).

Keep up-to-date with severe thunderstorm warnings by heading to bom.gov.au or logging on to [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).



STEP TWO - MAKE A PLAN

Prepare your household emergency and evacuation plan to keep you and your family or household members connected and safe in the event you become separated during a natural disaster. For more information and to complete your plan online access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

STEP THREE - PACK SUPPLIES

Pack your Emergency Kit with essential supplies in the case you are unable to leave your home for an extended period of time, and your Evacuation Kit if it becomes unsafe to remain and you need to leave your home. For more information and a checklist of supplies to pack in your kits access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

STEP FOUR - PREPARE YOUR HOME

There is no better time than now to get your home prepared so you are ready for the next time a storm occurs. For more information on home maintenance and home preparations for when a storm is imminent access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).

It's also a good idea to save the SES number **132 500** or install the SES Assistance QLD mobile app now, so you can contact the SES if needed for storm damage assistance.

STEP FIVE - PROTECT YOUR PET

In emergency situations, pets are often the most vulnerable member of the family. It's important to consider what will happen to our pets in the event of a natural disaster. For more information on protecting your pet during a storm, including supplies needed for your Pet Emergency Kit, access **Your Emergency Guide** on [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).



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