

# GET READY MORETON BAY

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QUEENSLAND

Queensland is a beautiful place to live but the weather isn't always perfect.

Floods, fires, heatwaves, drought and cyclones are a part of life and while we can't prevent them, we can prepare for them.

Knowing about the risks that could affect your family and property will help you plan for disasters.

Being prepared could even save a life!

This booklet includes information on what disasters are most common in the Moreton Bay Region and tips to ensure your family stays safe. Further information is on council's website [mbrc.qld.gov.au/disaster](http://mbrc.qld.gov.au/disaster)



### Bushfire

The Australian climate is generally hot, dry and prone to drought. At any time of the year, some parts of Australia are prone to bushfires.

Bushfire season usually occurs between August and November but bushfires can happen anytime.

'Fire weather' is usually a hot and windy day that feels like the inside of a hot oven. The closer your home is to the bush, the more at risk you are.

Houses on slopes are at particularly high risk during bushfires because fire travels faster uphill.

To minimise the impact of bushfires, it's important to:

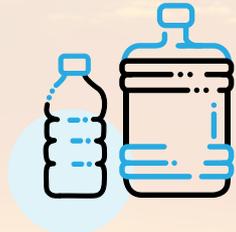
- **Know your bushfire risk:** Check your postcode's fire risk at [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au) and the My Property Look Up tool on council's website
- **Create a Bushfire Survival Plan:** Discuss what you will do if a bushfire threatens your home. What's your back up plan if a road is blocked?
- **Prepare your property:** refer to tips page
- **Prepare an emergency kit:** refer to tips page
- **Prepare a Bushfire Evacuation Kit:** Ensure your family has important items packed



Learn more about bushfire safety and preparing for bushfire season at the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services' website [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au)

## Heatwave

A heatwave is when there are three or more days of unusually high maximum and minimum temperatures - they are most common between October and March. While the very young and the elderly are most at risk, anyone can be affected.



- Drink two or three litres of water per day, even if you are not thirsty
- Stay inside where possible
- Wear lightweight, light coloured and loose clothes. If in the sun, wear a hat and sunscreen
- Avoid physically demanding activities and intense exercise
- Monitor animals and pets for heat stress
- Never leave children or pets in parked vehicles, even for a short period of time
- See a doctor if you feel ill as heat-related illness can be fatal

## Severe weather and floods

Severe storms and weather can include damaging winds, hail, lightning, flash floods and above normal tidal events (storm surge).

Storms are more common than any other natural hazard in the Moreton Bay Region and occur regularly between September and March.

Storms are unpredictable and can cause major damage to property, as well as serious injury and even loss of life.

It's important to be prepared to minimise potential impacts.

- Understand your flood risk by downloading a flood check property report at [mbrc.qld.gov.au/flood](http://mbrc.qld.gov.au/flood)
- Sign up to MoretonAlert to receive emergency warnings and advice to your mobile at [mbrc.qld.gov.au/moretonalert](http://mbrc.qld.gov.au/moretonalert)
- Prepare your property: refer to tips page
- Prepare an emergency kit: refer to tips page
- Prepare an emergency plan for your family and pets: refer to tips page
- Prepare a plan for your business: refer to checklists at [business.qld.gov.au/disaster](http://business.qld.gov.au/disaster)



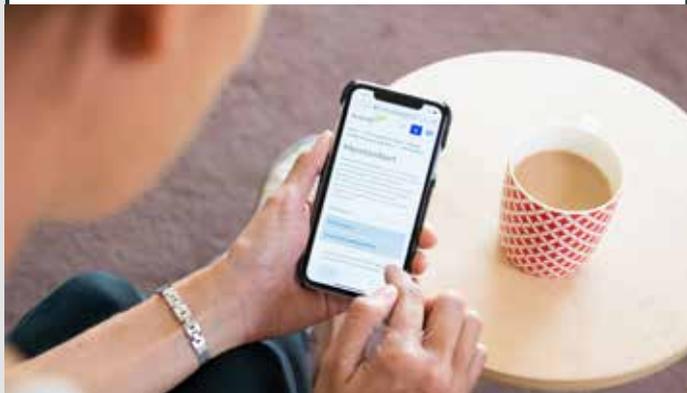


### MoretonAlert

Every household should have someone registered for MoretonAlert, council's FREE SMS, email and voice alerting system to receive the following information:

- severe weather and bushfire warnings
- council planned burn notifications
- potential flash flooding incidents
- planned dam releases within the region.

Register now at [mbrc.qld.gov.au/moretonalert](http://mbrc.qld.gov.au/moretonalert)



### Disaster Dashboard

When severe weather is taking place, the Moreton Bay Disaster Dashboard is a one-stop shop for reliable emergency information to help you make quick but informed decisions during cyclones, floods, fires and other disasters.

- sandbag locations
- warnings and flood maps
- emergency contacts
- information about evacuation centres
- information about power outages and road closures



Bookmark the link [mbrc.qld.gov.au/disaster-portal](http://mbrc.qld.gov.au/disaster-portal) to your web browser for quick and easy access

## Stay safe, keep informed



### Tune into warnings

- Monitor emergency information on radio ABC 612AM, 101.5FM or 99.7FM
- Like and follow updates on the Moreton Bay Regional Council Facebook page



### Safety first

- Travel to and from your destination only when it is safe to do so
- Never enter floodwater. This includes driving, riding and walking through floodwater, and children playing in floodwater
- Don't use gas or electrical appliances that have been flood-affected





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