

Be Aware

and know where to find crucial information.

Important contacts



Police, Fire, Ambulance

For life-threatening emergencies

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Flood and storm emergencies

132 500 | ses.nsw.gov.au



Rural Fire Service

Major bush fire incident updates

1800 679 737 | rfs.nsw.gov.au

[ABC Central Coast](#) is the local emergency broadcaster. Listen at 92.5FM, online or download the [ABC Listen App](#).

Apps to download



Download the [Hazards Near Me](#) app to stay up to date with hazard alerts



Download the [Live Traffic NSW App](#)



Download **BOM** app
Check for weather forecasts and warnings

Visit the Get Ready NSW web page for more information to prepare
nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready

Impacts to Council services and facilities will be posted on [Council's Facebook page](#) and news section of our website. To report urgent issues, such as water, sewer, road hazards, or to contact rangers in an emergency, please call Council on 4306 7900.



Scan here for more information

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Plan and Prepare for disasters and other emergencies on the Central Coast

The Central Coast is renowned for its natural beauty. The diversity of where we live increases the risk of natural disasters and emergency events.

Our best protection against any natural disaster is to be well prepared by understanding the risks we face.

It's important for our community to take steps to prepare for emergencies like bush fires, storms, heatwaves and floods.

Being prepared, aware and connected, makes our community stronger and able to recover well after a natural disaster.

Are you prepared?

Get planning now: Search '[Plan and Prepare](#)' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Get Ready

Being prepared can help safeguard your family, pets and property against severe storms, floods, heatwaves and bush fires.

There are practical ways to prepare for a disaster, including:

- understanding your risk
- making your emergency plan
- preparing your home
- packing an emergency kit and
- getting to know your neighbours.

Evacuation

Preparing for an evacuation before it happens is essential.

- Where will you go if you must evacuate?
- What alternative routes will you take if the road is blocked?
- Where will you meet family members if you get separated?
- What arrangements will you make for your pets?

Get Planning!



Blue Haven

BUSH FIRE



The Central Coast has many areas of bushland and farmland often neighbouring urban areas.

If there is a bush fire in the area you may experience:

- **increased heat, wind, smoke and noise**
- **isolation**
- **loss of telecommunications**
- **power outages**
- **loss of water services**
- **dangerous debris e.g., falling trees.**

Be Prepared

- Download and complete a bush fire survival plan from RFS Website. Even if your plan is to leave early. Visit rfs.nsw.gov.au
- Be aware of fire danger ratings in your area.
- Find out where designated Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP) are in your area. Visit rfs.nsw.gov.au
- Get your home prepared in advance. Clean out gutters, keep grass mown and tree branches trimmed.
- Prepare an emergency kit ready to 'Grab and Go'. To plan what to pack visit nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready
- Reach out to neighbours to let them know your plans and see if they need help to prepare.
- Check insurance cover each year when reviewing your emergency plan.

FLOODING



Our lakes, rivers, creeks and low-lying areas put many areas of the Central Coast at risk of flooding.

If there is flooding in the area you may experience:

- **isolation**
- **loss of telecommunications**
- **power outages**
- **loss of water and/or sewer services**
- **dangerous debris e.g., floating rubbish**
- **potential landslides.**

Be Prepared

- Check out Councils' education and mapping tools online to check if you are at risk of flooding. Search 'Plan and Prepare' at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
- Learn about how to be prepared using information from the NSW SES website visit ses.nsw.gov.au
- Create an up-to-date emergency plan for your family including your pets and other animals.
- Become familiar with roads and causeways that are likely to flood. Plan alternative routes.
- Prepare an emergency kit ready to 'Grab and Go'. To plan what to pack visit nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready
- Be prepared for extended power outages with a kit with non-perishable food, torches and spare batteries, powerbanks for phones and a battery powered radio.
- Get your home prepared in advance. Know what items you will need to secure safely or store in higher locations. Know where to source sandbags for when you need them.
- Reach out to neighbours to let them know your plans and see if they need help to prepare.
- Check insurance cover each year when reviewing your emergency plan.

STORMS



No matter where you are, severe storms can cause major damage to property and impact infrastructure and the ability for people to go about daily life.

If there are storms in your area; You may experience:

- **damage to property**
- **isolation**
- **loss of telecommunications**
- **power outages**
- **loss of water services**
- **dangerous debris e.g., fallen power lines**
- **changes to road conditions.**

Be Prepared

- Learn about how to be prepared for storms on the NSW SES website visit ses.nsw.gov.au
- Create an up-to-date emergency plan for your family including your pets and other animals.
- Become familiar with roads and causeways that are likely to close due to flash flooding. Plan alternative routes.
- Prepare an emergency kit ready to "Grab and Go". To plan what to pack visit nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready
- Be prepared for extended power outages with a kit with non-perishable food, torches and spare batteries, power banks for phones and a battery powered radio.
- Get your home prepared well in advance. Know what items you will need to secure. Clean out gutters and keep overhanging tree branches trimmed.
- Park cars under cover if possible.
- Reach out to neighbours to let them know your plans and see if they need help to prepare.
- Check insurance cover each year when reviewing your emergency plan.

EXTREME HEAT



During spring and summer months, the Central Coast can experience high temperatures over an extended period of time. Heatwaves occur when both maximum and minimum temperatures are unusually high for a location.

During a heatwave you may experience:

- **risk to health and wellbeing**
- **power outages**
- **loss of telecommunications.**

Be prepared

- Monitor the local weather using the Bureau of Meteorology dedicated heatwave website bom.gov.au/australia/heatwave/
- Prepare your home with maintenance to air conditioning and fans.
- Install awnings and sun blocking blinds.
- Identify places you can go to keep cool, such as swimming pools, public libraries and shopping centres.
- Keep in contact with your relatives, neighbours and friends.
- Have the contact details of your doctor, your pharmacist or other health professional.
- Prepare in advance for power outages.
- Know the symptoms of heat stress and seek advice if you have a medical condition that will be impacted by heatwaves.
- Reach out to neighbours to let them know your plans and see if they need help to prepare.
- Ensure you have planned for your pets and other animals during warmer weather.