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| **PREPARE TO LEAVE** |
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| **[Location]**  |
| **Severe Weather (Descriptor)** |

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**Issued:** [time, day, date, year]

**Next update:** [time, day, date, year] or as the situation changes.

[Insert issuing agency] advises people in the following area(s):

* [Add location(s) here]

to **PREPARE TO LEAVE** due toa [dangerous/severe] [dust storm/thunderstorm/severe weather] that is [approaching now/approaching very soon]. An [evacuation centre/registration point/assembly] area has been set up here (insert link/area)

**For emergency help in floods and storms, call the QLD SES on 132 500 or download the SES Assistance QLD App. In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.**

**What are we expecting?**

The Bureau of Meteorology advises [insert BOM prediction here, including time/when it’s expected to hit].

* Damaging hail.
* Very heavy rain making it dangerous to drive, flash flooding is possible.
* Dust storms with the potential to cause respiratory issues.
* Strong winds causing debris like fallen trees, powerlines could come down and the power could go out.

**What you need to do:**

* Find out how to get ready for severe weather at the [Get Ready Queensland website (Get Prepared).](https://www.getready.qld.gov.au/get-prepared)
* If you choose to leave now, consider the consequences of road conditions and closures, and make alternate arrangements for work, children, and travel.
* Pack away, tie down, or secure outdoor furniture, toys, and trampolines.
* Put your pets somewhere safe, ensure they can be easily identified if they get lost.
* Keep medications close by.
* Charge mobile phones and power banks in case power goes out.
* Warn friends, family, and neighbors in the area.

**If you find it hard to move quickly or have special or medical needs:**

* Use your Person-Centred Emergency Plan (P-CEP) now if you have one.
* Make sure you have enough medicine for at least one week.
* If anyone in your house uses powered medical equipment, like a dialysis machine or ventilator, decide now where you will go in case you lose power.
* Call your support person or service to organise transport if you need to leave.
* Leaving early is safer than waiting.

**If you are a tourist, visitor, camper or caravanner:**

* Campers and caravanners should start packing up now.
* If you do not need to be in the warning area, leave now. Check road conditions and plan your route before you leave.
* Be ready to move if the situation gets worse.
* Ask the campground owners whether the site floods.
* Check your surroundings of water catchments, and monitor weather conditions.

**For more information:**

* Follow our local council disaster dashboard here [insert disaster dashboard link].
* Listen to your local radio [add ABC local radio or other station and frequency].
* For power outage information go to [energex.com.au](https://qldpolice.sharepoint.com/sites/EMC-PublicInfoWarnings-TQPS/Shared%20Documents/General/WARNINGS/Templates/NEW%20%26%20IMPROVED%20TEMPLATES%20%28SES%20INSPIRED%29/Final%20Flood%20Templates%2012092024/energex.com.au) or [ergon.com.au/network](https://qldpolice.sharepoint.com/sites/EMC-PublicInfoWarnings-TQPS/Shared%20Documents/General/WARNINGS/Templates/NEW%20%26%20IMPROVED%20TEMPLATES%20%28SES%20INSPIRED%29/Final%20Flood%20Templates%2012092024/ergon.com.au/network) [select energy provider].
* Check the latest weather, warnings, rainfall, and river heights at the [Bureau of Meteorology Queensland website.](http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/)
* Check road closures at the [QLD Traffic website](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au) or for phone service call 13 19 40.
* Check disruptions to public transport at the [Translink website](https://translink.com.au/service-updates).