

Eurobodalla Preparedness Guide

Before an emergency

Reduce the impact of emergencies and disaster by taking time to prepare now. Take care of yourself, loved ones and what is important to you. Use the practical resources provided by emergency management services.



Start here to get you & your family ready

Put together an Emergency Survival Kit

- ☐ Portable battery-operated radio
- ☐ Waterproof torch
- ☐ Spare batteries
- ☐ First aid kit with manual
- ☐ Candles with waterproof matches
- ☐ Woollen blankets
- ☐ Emergency contact numbers
- ☐ Waterproof bag for valuables
- ☐ Consider having cash on hand

Organise important documents

- ☐ Driver's licence/Passport
- ☐ Marriage/Birth certificates
- ☐ Land title/Mortgage documents
- ☐ Insurance papers
- ☐ Photos of assets and each room
- ☐ Consider making digital copies

Prepare evacuation kit for babies/children

Gather valuables + sentimental items

- ☐ Have them ready to transport

Plan for your pets to help reduce stress

Resources

Red Cross 1800 733 276
Emergencies can strike anytime. Protect yourself, the people you love and the things you value most. Follow the steps to create an emergency RediPlan. www.redcross.org.au/prepare

NSW Health 1800 022 222
Help with planning and preparation for many types of emergencies to reduce the impact on your health. Provides 24/7 support for health needs. www.health.nsw.gov.au/emergency_preparedness/planning

Aust. Breastfeeding Assoc. 1800 686 268
Information and support to help plan to safely feed and care for your baby or toddler in an emergency. www.aba.asn.au/emergency

RSPCA NSW 1300 278 358
Emergency planning for your pets. www.rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/disaster-and-alerts

SHASA Heatwave and Bushfire Havens
These havens offer vulnerable people a refuge on heatwave and heavy smoke days. www.shasa.com.au/disaster-prep/



Start here to get your house & property ready

Prepare your property

Consider doing some of these simple steps:

RFS Bushfire Survival Plan resource

- ☐ Ensure reliable source of water
- ☐ Consider fire sprinkler systems
- ☐ Long hose to reach around house
- ☐ Prune large trees and vegetation
- ☐ Clear gutters and drains
- ☐ Get covers for chimneys, vents and drain pipes to keep embers out
- ☐ Move combustible objects away from buildings

Storms, floods and tsunamis

- ☐ Understand your flood and tsunami risk flash flooding, storm surges, river or coastal, and tsunami warnings.
 - ☐ Identify higher ground to move to
- If threat is minor, consider*
- ☐ Using sandbags near all openings
 - ☐ Reinforce doors and windows
 - ☐ Clear gutters and drains
 - ☐ Move valuables to higher level

Resources

NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS)
Guide to planning your RFS Survival Plan. www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan

Bushfire Info Line 1800 679 737
Advice on fire related preparation.

State Emergency Service 132 500
Prepare for storms, floods and tsunamis. www.ses.nsw.gov.au

Department of Primary Industries
Emergency planning for livestock and property. www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/emergency/community/before-an-emergency

ABC Emergency
Preparation/recovery articles and incident map. www.abc.net.au/emergency

Additional Support

RFS AIDER 02 8741 4955
One-off free service to help prepare your property for elderly, disabled and other vulnerable people. www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/aider

Lifeline 131 114 (SMS 0477 131 114)
When you need help to cope with the stress of disasters. www.lifeline.org.au



Now create your **Action Plan** decide if you leave or stay

Gather your household members and work through your **Action Plan** together.

- ☐ **Red Cross RediPlan**
Steps to prepare your family's wellbeing. www.redcross.org.au/prepare
- ☐ **RFS Bushfire Survival Plan**
Templates to prepare your property. www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan

If you are **elderly, disabled, unwell**, or you are **pregnant** or **caring for babies or children**, **plan to leave and to leave early**.



Connect you're not alone

- ☐ **Start the conversation with friends and neighbours** about how to help each other before and during an emergency.
- ☐ **Create an emergency group chat** via WhatsApp, Messenger or SMS with your family, friends and neighbours to share updates.
- ☐ **Create a personal emergency phone list** including family, friends, neighbours, medical centres, emergency services, individual care providers and other key contacts.

Name	Number

ABC
SOUTH
EAST NSW
103.5

Get informed keep up to date

The latest information and regular updates can be heard on **ABC South East Radio 103.5 FM**

Handy Phone Apps



During an Emergency

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If you find yourself in an emergency or disaster situation, this page provides quick access to vital information, resources and phone numbers.



Follow your Action Plan

Run through your **Action Plan** with your household members, assess the conditions and threat then agree on individual roles.

- ☐ If you decide to leave, leave early. Establish where you will go and how to get there safely.

- ☐ Plan your journey and check:



Live Traffic NSW App
www.livetraffic.com

For real-time traffic conditions

- ☐ If you decide to stay, follow your prepared **Action Plan**.



Get ready to leave

- ☐ Emergency Survival Kit (see over)
- ☐ Cash and cards
- ☐ Medications, prescriptions and medical equipment
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Phone and chargers
- ☐ Food and water
- ☐ Important documents
- ☐ Valuables/sentimental items
- ☐ Change of clothes
- ☐ Pack evacuation kit for baby/children
- ☐ Pets essentials
- ☐ Car full of fuel
- ☐ Park car ready to leave
- ☐ Shut off utilities
- ☐ Lock and secure property



Stay connected

- ☐ **Activate your emergency group chat** with family, friends and neighbours to share updates.
- ☐ **Reach out to your relevant care provider** if you require specific support during an emergency.



Stay informed

Your local ABC radio station will broadcast the latest official warnings and other verified emergency information during a disaster.

Radio - ABC South East 103.5FM or find your ABC AM frequency

Mobile Phone - ABC Listen App

Website - ABC Emergency
www.abc.net.au/emergency

Facebook - ABC South East NSW



Hazards Near Me App

For up-to-date alerts on fires, storms, floods + tsunamis

NSW Rural Fire Service
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

NSW State Emergency Service
www.ses.nsw.gov.au

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We acknowledge the Walbunja, Brinja-Yuin, Djirringanj people of the Yuin Nation who are custodians and knowledge holders of the unceded land and waters on which we live and work.



Scan QR code to view the guide on SHASA website

shasa.com.au/eurobodalla-preparedness-guide

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Emergency numbers



When your life is under threat, there is an emergency or to report a natural disaster near you.

Other emergency numbers

SES Storms, floods + tsunamis **132 500**

Bushfire Info Line **1800 679 737**

Essential Energy Outage **132 080**

Crime Stoppers **1800 333 000**

Wires Injured wildlife **1300 094 737**

Mental Health Line **1800 011 511**

Lifeline **131 114** [SMS 0477 131 114]
Support to cope with challenges around natural disasters 24/7 www.lifeline.org.au

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Be Prepared for Emergencies

Minimise the impact on loved ones, yourself and your property.

Use this community-created guide to access trusted information to help you prepare for emergencies such as fires, storms, floods and tsunamis.

