

## Checklist: Ready for the Northern Wet Season

### Identifying the risk

- Have you checked the weather forecast at your location?

BOM Climate Outlooks

BOM Water and the Land

BOM Know Your Weather

Climate Savvy for Grazing Management Regional Guide - Far North QLD ([nacp.org.au](http://nacp.org.au))

- Have you identified and analysed the potential risks in your location (flood and cyclone)?

Get Ready Queensland

Bureau of Meteorology

BOM Flood Knowledge Centre

BOM Tropical Cyclone Knowledge Centre

Long Paddock: Weather & Fire

- Have you contacted your **local council** about flood or cyclone risk in your area?

### Managing the risk

- Check with your **local council** and council's **disaster dashboard** to access:

- Flood plans or records in your area and local disaster updates
- Local government and community disaster plans
- Local flood arrangements
- Information about road closures, river heights, evacuation centres

- Check the available business insurance that covers for flood, bushfire, and cyclone/storm damage

- Clear loose equipment and vegetation around buildings and access points

- Prepare a current inventory of livestock, infrastructure, and equipment

- Ensure you have sufficient fodder, medication, and water supplies for animals

- Secure doors and windows with shutters, metal screens or tape on the glass, and sandbag your premises for flooding

- Organize and plan a place well above the floor level to keep computers, equipment, chemicals, and hazardous materials off the floor

- Locate and pack your critical documents such as financial, insurance, legal and identification details, business, evacuation, building plan in a portable waterproof container

- Back up your critical data to a portable storage device and store it in a secure off-site location

- Keep your emergency kit where you can quickly and easily retrieve it

- Include key items in your emergency kit, such as keys for buildings, vehicles, and equipment

- Make ready the necessary equipment (radio, torches, batteries, power bank, mobile phone with credit and charger, first aid kit, masking tape, personal protective equipment (PPE), waterproof bags, stationery, utility knife, straps, and rope)

## Contact list and additional links

### Emergency services (police, fire and ambulance)

TRIPLE ZERO (000)

ONE ZERO SIX (106) through your telephone typewriter (TTY)

### Other services

Flood and storm emergency assistance: **State Emergency Services (SES) 132 500**

Latest road conditions and closures: [qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au)

State-wide road conditions: **13 19 40**

Animal emergencies: **RSPCA Queensland 1300 264 625**

Alerts, updates and evacuation centre locations: **ABC local radio** and **local council disaster dashboard**

### Mental health and wellbeing

- [Manage stress, relationships and more after a disaster](#)
- [Mental health and wellbeing resources for businesses](#)
- [Lifeline](#) on **13 11 14** for phone and online counselling and support

### For your business

- [Preparing your business for natural disasters](#)
- [Cyclone and storm surge preparation checklist](#)
- Find a [list of current disaster assistance](#) on the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority website or phone **1800 623 946**
- [Small business disaster hub](#) for resources and a handy app to help you prepare and protect your business for disasters and emergencies
- Help with your [tax and royalty obligations](#) after a natural disaster
- Find [natural disaster support from the Australian Taxation Office](#)
- Disaster support and assistance for [tourism businesses](#)
- [Rural Financial Counselling Service](#) for North Queensland **(07) 4652 5669**
- [Natural Disaster Recovery](#)
- [Agriculture recovery after flooding and high rainfall](#)
- [Managing your farm during flooding and high rainfall](#)
- [Drought and natural disaster advice for agribusiness](#)
- [Agribusiness continuity planning](#)

