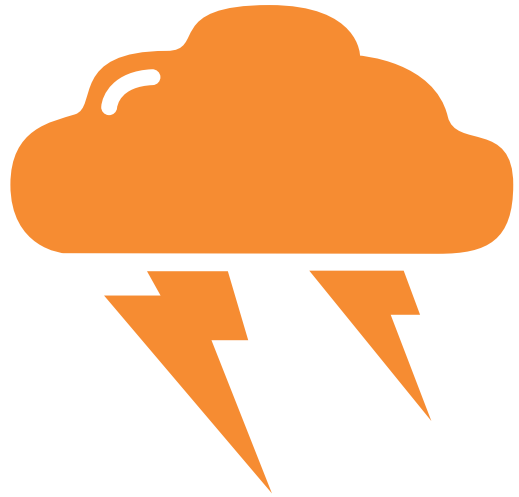


Get storm ready.



Storms can strike at any time, that's why it's important to always be prepared.

Prepare your home

- ✓ Trim trees and branches close to your house
- ✓ Secure loose items in your backyard
- ✓ Clear gutters, downpipes and drains
- ✓ Get your roof checked for damage or corrosion
- ✓ Make sure all shades, sails and awnings are properly fitted
- ✓ Get your insurance up-to-date

Stay safe while driving

- ✓ Always follow flood warning signs
- ✓ Never drive through flood water
- ✓ Shelter vehicles under cover, not under trees
- ✓ Avoid driving when a storm is coming
- ✓ Get your insurance up-to-date

Helpful hints:



You can ask the council or energy company to check trees on your street that may pose a threat to your property or powerlines.



Even if you've cleared your gutters recently, they can soon fill up with leaves and other debris, especially after a downpour. On average you should check they're clear every couple of weeks.



If you don't already know your neighbours, go and introduce yourself. They might need a hand getting storm ready. Plus, when bad weather strikes it's important to be able to tell the SES who lives nearby.



Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do in severe weather. For tips on developing a house emergency plan use the SES guide at www.stormwise.com.au

If you do need help during a severe storm, call the Queensland State Emergency Service on 132 500