



Important links



Australian Red Cross

Complete your Rediplan online
(make sure you print it out)

www.redcross.org.au/prepare/



Bureau of Meteorology

Weather forecasts and warnings

www.bom.gov.au



Country Fire Authority

Fire danger ratings and restrictions

www.cfa.gov.au



State Emergency Service

Flood and storm information

www.ses.vic.gov.au



Vic Emergency App

Download the VicEmergency App and set up your watch zone for timely emergency information and warnings (Apple and Android mobiles and tablets)



State Forest and Public Land Closures

(DEECA) 136 186 or www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests

Extreme heat



Information about extreme heat and how to stay safe
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/extreme-heat



Subscribe to heat health warnings
www.health.vic.gov.au/environmental-health/extreme-heat-and-heatwaves



Emergency Information Accessibility

For people who speak a different language

Call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and request translated information from the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired

Contact the VicEmergency Hotline through the National Relay Service:

- **TTY** – phone 1800 555 677, then ask for 1800 226 226
- **Speak and Listen** – phone 1800 555 777, then ask for 1800 226 226
- **Internet relay users** connect to the National Relay Service.

Your Council Working With You

Hindmarsh Shire Council, Horsham Rural City Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council have signed a resource sharing partnership to provide their communities with safer response and co-ordinated relief and recovery to all emergencies. From single house fires, storms, transport accidents and loss of utilities, to bushfires, floods and heatwaves, be assured that your Council is here to assist in any way we can.

Wimmera 72

Visit the Wimmera 72 website for important links and information when disaster occurs
www.wimmera72.com.au

Wimmera Emergency Management Team



Three Steps to Emergency Preparedness



Is your family prepared?

Know who you need to contact in an emergency:

- **Ambulance, Police, Fire**
call triple zero 000 (TTY 106)
- **Flood and Storm** – call SES 132 500
- **Lifeline** – 131 114
- **Poisons Information Line** – 131 126



Three Steps to Emergency Preparedness

If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to get to you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere.



1. Know the Risks

While the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your area can help you to better prepare.

Across the Wimmera we face a number of natural disasters such as bushfires, storms, floods, earthquakes and heatwaves. There are also other types of risks such as power outages and industrial or transport accidents.

Knowing the risks will make you aware, doing something about it will make you prepared ...



2. Make a Plan

Emergencies can strike at anytime, anywhere and without warning. Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do if there's an emergency.

Your family may not be together when an emergency happens. Plan how to meet or how to contact each other. Make sure you discuss what you would do in different situations.

You can complete your personalised emergency plan online, it will only take a few minutes. Visit the Preparing for Emergencies page on the Australian Red Cross website to step through the process of making a Rediplan – www.redcross.org.au/prepare/

While you should be able to complete most sections yourself, there may be some information you need to get from your Council.

Make sure you think about:

- Safe exits from your home and neighbourhood
- Meeting places to reunite with family members
- Designated person to pick up children if you're unavailable
- Contact person who lives close by and also one who's out of town
- A place for your pets/livestock to stay
- Risks in your area
- Location of your fire extinguisher, water meter, gas valve and power box.

When you've completed your plan, print it out and keep it in a safe place where it's easy to find such as with your emergency kit. Also keep a copy at work and/or in your car.

Having a plan is great, exercising the plan is even better ...



3. Get an Emergency Kit

In an emergency, you'll need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water.

Prepare to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a bag in an easy-to-reach, accessible place.

Your basic emergency kit should include:

- Water – at least two litres of water per person per day (small bottles can be carried easily)
- Non perishable food such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods
- Manual can opener
- Windup or battery-powered torch and radio (include extra batteries)
- Mobile phone and charger
- First aid kit
- Spare keys to your car and home
- Cash in smaller notes and coins
- Your emergency plan and contact information
- Prescription medication, disability aids, baby formula, food, water and pet/livestock medication (personalise to your needs)
- Copies of insurance policies, passports, bank details and passwords.

Recommended additional items:

- Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Change of clothing and footwear for each person
- Toiletries, hand sanitizer, face masks, toilet paper, garbage bags, utensils
- Basic tools such as hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, dust mask, pocket knife
- Small fuel operated stove and fuel such as a portable gas hotplate
- Whistle (to attract attention)
- Duct tape (to tape up windows, doors and air vents).

Make sure you review your emergency kit each year, it could save your life ...