

>Storm Preparation Checklist



Wangaratta is prone to severe storms, hail, and strong winds, often causing power outages and road closures.

General

- Consider storm risk to your premises – structural damage and business disruption.
- Ensure insurance includes storm damage cover.

Infrastructure and Property

- Maintain your building (repair corrosion, roof leaks, fittings).
- Trim overhanging trees (check with Council for permits).
- Clear gutters and drains to prevent water pooling.
- Secure loose items such as outdoor furniture, signs, umbrellas, and bikes.
- Protect IT and electrical systems from surges – use surge protectors/UPS.
- Store hazardous materials in waterproof containers.

Prepare for Power Outages

- Identify how to safely turn off electricity, gas, and water.
- Train staff to manually override electronic access (gates, roller doors).
- Keep portable battery packs for communication devices.
- Consider a backup generator for essential equipment.

Emergencies

- For storm damage, call SES 132 500.
- For life-threatening emergencies, call 000 (Triple Zero).
- Monitor Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and VicEmergency warnings.