

> Flood Preparation Checklist



Flooding in Wangaratta can occur along the Ovens and King Rivers, as well as through flash flooding in the CBD and low-lying areas.

General

- Check if your premises is in a flood-prone area
(Refer to SES Local Flood Guide for Wangaratta: ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides /rural-city-of-wangaratta).
- Add flood risk actions into your Business Continuity Plan.
- Review insurance policies to ensure flood damage and business interruption cover are included.

Infrastructure and Property

- Identify problem areas and potential water entry points (doors, drains, basements).
- Elevate valuable stock/equipment to higher levels.
- Store hazardous materials in waterproof containers.
- Secure objects likely to float and cause damage.
- Prepare sandbags in advance if near flood-prone areas.
- Inspect and maintain roof, gutters, drains to handle heavy rainfall.
- Consider making changes to your business/property to protect against floods, such as installing flood-resistant floor coverings (e.g. tiles), having furniture and fittings that can be easily cleaned, raising electrical sockets.
- Check that your evacuation plan includes instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas and water at the mains.

Emergencies

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