

During a flood

NSW SES may issue warnings based on the predictions of the Bureau of Meteorology when flooding is about to happen. Flood Warnings provide a predicted flood level, time at which a river may reach that level and expected consequences for local communities.

- Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in floodwater - it is dangerous and toxic. If it's flooded, forget it.
- Be prepared to evacuate if advised
- Act early, as roads may close
- Keep monitoring local media for further information, updates and advice
- Keep in contact with your neighbours

Pets and animals

Some evacuation centres will not allow animals. Make plans for where you will go and how you will care for your pets now, well before there is any sign of flooding.

Do not leave your pets behind. Put them on leads or in pet carriers. Dogs should wear a fixed collar with an identification tag. Animal carriers should be labeled with the owner's details. Take feed and water with you as well as any medications for your pets.

How the NSW SES can help you

The NSW SES is responsible for responding to floods. This includes planning for floods and educating people about how to protect themselves and their property.

During floods the NSW SES will provide flood information, safety advice and arrange for the delivery of essential supplies to people isolated by floodwater. Where appropriate, the NSW SES will conduct evacuations and undertake flood rescue, including the rescue of livestock.

How the NSW Department of Primary Industries can help you

NSW Department of Primary Industries is responsible for coordinating animal relief services for livestock, wildlife and companion animals for rural producers affected by severe flood. For more information and support visit: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au



FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOOD,
STORM AND TSUNAMI CALL

132 500

In life-threatening emergencies call 000 (triple zero)

For more information visit:

www.ses.nsw.gov.au



#NSWSES



/NSWSES



/NSWSES

Rural and Isolated Properties Flood Guide



Are you at risk from floods?

New South Wales has a long history of floods. Some of these have been extreme events costing millions of dollars.

The effects of flooding on rural property owners include losses to livestock, crops, fencing, buildings, personal items, farm equipment and machinery. While damage to crops and fences is usually unavoidable, there is the potential to reduce losses particularly to life, livestock and irrigation equipment.

As a rural property owner or manager you may have experienced many floods. It is important to be aware that larger floods than those previously experienced can occur in your area.

Even if your property is not directly affected by flooding, you may be isolated and require assistance such as the supply of essential items and feed for livestock.



Isolation information

In riverine areas flooding can be prolonged and last for months. There may be no water, sewerage, power, telephone or other services for several weeks and you may be unable to call for help in an emergency. Your home may become a refuge for vermin, snakes and spiders.

If you are not prepared for long term isolation by having enough food, clean water, fuel, and other essentials you need to evacuate before you become isolated.



What you can do now

It is important to be prepared for floods.

Floods can be a significant risk for rural properties in NSW. Here are some steps to take to prepare for floods in these areas:

Develop an emergency plan: Create an emergency plan that includes evacuation routes, contact numbers for emergency services and neighbors, and instructions for shutting off utilities.

Prepare your property: Make sure your property is ready for a flood by clearing gutters and drains, storing outdoor furniture and equipment in a safe place, and elevating valuable items and documents above flood level.

Stock up on supplies: Ensure you have enough food, water, and medical supplies in case you are isolated by floodwaters.

Monitor conditions: Stay informed about weather conditions by checking the Bureau of Meteorology website and listening to local radio stations. Stay informed about current SES warnings by downloading Hazards Near Me or by going to ses.nsw.gov.au

Maintain your property: Regularly maintain your property by ensuring waterways are free of debris, and avoiding activities that may increase the risk of flooding.

In rural and isolated areas, it may take longer for emergency services to reach you during a flood, so it's important to take all necessary precautions to protect yourself, your family, and your property. Stay informed, be prepared.

When flooding is likely

NSW SES may issue an Advice Warning for areas likely to be affected by flooding, based on the Bureau of Meteorology issuing a Flood Watch when there is the possibility of flooding. NSW SES provides flood information including flood forecasts, road closures, and advice on evacuations and property protection. Warnings and information are shared at www.ses.nsw.gov.au, on the Hazards Near Me mobile app, and across local media.

- If you have a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan, review it. Otherwise, have a conversation and plan for what you will do and take with you if you need to evacuate
- Access local media for information, updates and advice
- Lift household items and farm equipment on to benches and tables placing electrical goods on top
- Secure objects that are likely to float and cause damage
- Locate important papers, valuables and mementoes. Put them in your emergency kit and take them with you when you evacuate
- Check sheds and outbuildings and relocate waste containers, chemicals and poisons well above floor level
- Check if your neighbours need help
- Locate and prepare pets for possible evacuation
- Move livestock to high ground where they can be provided with feed for the duration of the flood
- Relocate fodder supplies to high ground
- Move farm equipment and relocate pumps to high ground
- Have sufficient non-perishable food, essential medications fuel and other necessities to last two weeks. Do not forget pet food and stockfeed
- The safest option is to evacuate as early as possible to avoid additional hazards. Do not wait until the last minute

