



Set up a flood cupboard – good for bush fires too!

- Dry & canned food for 10 days (replenish regularly)
- Fresh drinking water
- Food for animals
- Battery operated radio and batteries
- Phone charger back up
- Torch and batteries
- Candles & matches
- First aid kit
- Fire starters and firewood
- Waterproof hat, coat and gumboots
- Games and books for long power outages
- Alcohol and other supplies if needed

Secure outdoor belongings to prepare for wind gusts.

- Offer help to each other through the NCN.
- Check in on vulnerable neighbours.
- Support the Providore – but remember they could be cut off from supplies too.

After the Flood

- Follow SES advice and wait for All Clear
- Ask for help from North Bello NCN volunteers
- Don't eat food that's been in flood water
- Get info from SES on what to do post flood www.ses.nsw.gov.au

Thanks to...

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North Bello Get Ready Flood Tips



**PREPARE
NOW**

Understand Your Risk

Think about where you live, and what would happen in a major flood.

- Water rising in your home
- Being isolated - cut off bridges and roads Remember, you could get stuck at home or not be able to get home
- Power outages and spoiling food
- Wind damage
- Existing medical conditions – no access to hospital

Don't rely on emergency services to evacuate you – they can't reach everyone.

Remember that in a big flood, even if your home isn't inundated you could be stuck without access to town, the hospital or Coffs for many days.

Make a flood plan

- Decide when to leave and where to go
- Understand likely road and bridge closures
- Forward plan for animals
- Have people on your team to help – use NCN volunteers if needed

Be Prepared...

Stay informed

- Monitor weather – including www.bellingenweather.org
- Subscribe to NCN to get Bush Telegraph SMS alerts
- Check Bellingen Shire Council Disaster Dashboard
- Listen to 2BBBFM & Coffs Coast ABC Radio
- Be part of your NCN Local Neighbourhood Group
- Have back ups if internet and power down

In Lower North Bello?

Set up a Flood Kit – plastic tub or case – good for bushfires too!

- Protect original copies of important documents (birth certificates, children's blue book, passports, etc)
- Scan or photograph key docs (e.g. insurance, ID, passports, medication scripts, copy of rates notice or lease to prove address)
- Portable radio & spare batteries
- Torch with batteries
- First Aid Kit
- Candles & waterproof matches
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Waterproof bag for valuables (e.g. documents & jewellery)



Add to kit when leaving

- Toys or family games
- Medication
- Supplies for family members (e.g. babies)
- Fresh food and drinking water
- Clothes & shoes – multiple changes for all
- Mobile phone and charger
- Laptop / devices and charger
- Back up battery for phones & devices

Preparing to leave

- Get help from Neighbourhood Care Network volunteers
- Move belongings & furniture to higher positions
- Secure outdoor belongings
- Turn off power
- Disconnect and secure gas bottles
- Sandbag toilets
- Move cars or caravans
- Let your family and friends know what you're doing