

# How to prepare your shack



It is essential that you take the time to prepare your shack before river levels rise to improve the chance of being able to repair the property if damage occurs.

If you are leaving your shack, please take care and do so in a safe manner—never drive, ride or walk through floodwater.

## **Remove glass doors and open windows and roller doors**

Floodwater can cause pressure against glass and roller doors, which can lead to them breaking. Removing glass doors and opening windows and roller doors will allow floodwater to flow freely and reduce this risk.

## **Isolate power and gas**

Ensure all electricity has been turned off at the switchboard, if safe to do so. Turn off the gas supply, including bottled gas, and remove gas bottles from the property where possible.

## **Move furniture and tie down heavy objects**

Where possible, remove furniture from the property. Alternatively, move all furniture to a level above the predicted water height or tie down any heavy items, i.e. fridges, water tanks.

## **Seal septic tanks**

Where possible, seal septic tanks with sandbags and place a sandbag in the toilet.

## **Carpet, rugs and curtains**

Roll up and remove any carpet, rugs or curtains from your property.

## **Cover air vents**

Air vents at the bottom of your home's external wall may need protection. Cover these smaller vents with waterproof tape or plastic.

## **Mark structures**

Where possible, mark any structures in the water, such as jetties and boat landings, with coloured poles. This will assist in identifying the property if required.

## **Remove chemicals**

To prevent chemical or hazardous material spills on your property and polluting the river.

## **Beware of snakes**

When entering your property, beware of snakes looking for warm and dry spaces.

## **Remove valuables and vehicles**

Taking valuables, vehicles and boats (if possible) from the property will prevent them from being lost or damaged in floodwaters.

## **Remove sandbags**

Sandbags support in preventing water from entering property in the short term. In the long-term, they can cause pressure and damage. Remove sandbags from doors and windows to reduce this risk.

## **Take photos of your property and remaining contents**

This will assist in identifying missing items or insurance claims after flooding.

**For life-threatening emergencies call 000 (triple-zero)**

For emergency help in flood & storms call 132 500

**For flood & storm general information call 1800 362 361**