

Wet Season Preparations

Enjoy the holiday period with the peace of mind that your residence is secure and you are prepared.

During the Darwin Wet Season cyclones can develop at any time. Here are some helpful tips to make sure you are prepared, to protect your residence against cyclone damage and ensure the best possible community safety.

If you are going away, prepare as if there was a cyclone warning in place.

Going on holidays or Cyclone Warning called?

- Balcony – Move all furniture and plants inside or ensure everything is securely tied down.
- Secure all doors and windows.
- Turn off all electrical equipment that operates on standby at the power point or at the power board. This includes air conditioning units, TV, dishwashers, and gas bottles.
- Turn off the hot water system.
- Turn off washing machine taps.
- If your residence has a yard, clear all garden furniture and vegetation debris.
- Secure all important documents in plastic bags/waterproof containers.

Your Cyclone Kit - What you will need.

- In the event of a major cyclone it is recommended that you have sufficient water and non-perishable food for each member of your family for 3 days.
- Don't forget your pet's food.
- Keep any essential medication with you, stored in a water proof bag.
- First aid kit stored in waterproof bag.
- Insect repellent.
- Toiletries including toilet paper.
- Disinfectant.
- Basic tool kit.
- Torches & additional batteries.
- Candles & matches.
- Battery operated radio & additional batteries.
- Esky – with ice.
- Plastic cups, plates & utensils.
- Plastic sheet or tarp with ropes.
- Keep sensible clothing nearby - covered shoes, a sweater, jeans, wet weather gear.
- Cash.

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Where to shelter?

- ✓ Most properties in Darwin are built to the highest possible cyclone rating
- ✓ If you have any safety concerns, check where the public shelters are and make an **evacuation plan now**
- ✓ For advice on when public shelters open, check local radio stations for updates
- ✓ Shelter away from windows
- ✓ Make sure your cyclone kit is close by
- ✓ Check the local radio stations for updates: ABC Radio- 105.7 – the is the official radio station
- ✓ Do not leave your safe area during the lull as the cyclone eye passes
- ✓ **Heed all advice from local authorities**

Cyclone Categories

CATEGORY	STRONGEST GUST (KM/H)	AVERAGE MAXIMUM WIND (KM/H)	INDICATIVE CENTRAL PRESSURE (hPa)	TYPICAL EFFECTS (Indicative Only)
1	Less than 125	63 – 90	Greater than 985	Negligible house damage. Damage to some crops, trees and caravans.
2	125 – 170	90 –125	985 – 970	Minor house damage. Significant damage to signs, trees and caravans. Heavy damage to some crops. Risk of power failure. Small craft may break moorings.
3	170 – 225	125 – 165	970 –955	Some roof and structural damage. Some caravans destroyed. Power failures likely.
4	225 – 280	165 – 225	955 –930	Significant roofing loss and structural damage. Many caravans destroyed and blown away. Dangerous airborne debris. Widespread power failures.
5	More than 280	More than 225	Below 930	Extremely dangerous with widespread destruction.

Please note that the descriptions of damage are indicative only. Damage will vary due to factors such as building standards, flooding, etc. On occasion, central pressures in official warnings may vary from those in this table. (Information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology)

Important numbers

EMERGENCY	000	POLICE / FIRE / AMBULANCE
POLICE ASSISTANCE	131 444	
ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL	08 8922 8888	
Bureau of Meteorology	1300 659 211	www.bom.gov.au/nt
POWER WATER	Emergencies:	1800 245 090 Updates: 1800 245 092