

# Fact Sheet

## Being prepared for floods

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This fact sheet provides information to help you understand:

1. How do I know if my house or business is at risk of flooding?
2. What can I do to prepare for a flood?
3. Can I 'flood proof' my property?
4. Where can I find out more information?

Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) has developed Local Flood Guides to help you understand the risk of riverine and flash flooding in your area, and how to prepare yourself, home or business.

Check your local flood risk by using the VICSES Local Flood Guides. Search for your suburb, postcode or council and find your local flood guide online: [ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides](https://ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides)

### What can I do to prepare for a flood?

**Start by checking your local flood risk** by using the VICSES local flood guides: [ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides](https://ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/flood-guides)

**Create an emergency plan:** The Australian Red Cross 'Get Prepared' app and Rediplan template can help you:

- find your local emergency services contacts and information
- identify a safe meeting place for you and your loved ones.

To access the app and template, visit: [redcross.org.au/prepare](https://redcross.org.au/prepare)

**Pack an emergency flood kit:** An emergency kit ensures you have essential items close at hand if you lose power or need to evacuate quickly. Find a checklist of what to pack from VICSES website: [ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/create-an-emergency-plan](https://ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/create-an-emergency-plan)

Also check if your home and contents insurance covers flooding.

## Can I 'flood proof' my property?

In collaboration with the City of Port Phillip, we've developed the Flood Resilient Guide to Retrofitting your Home.

The guide shows how a flood resilient home, that is fitted, finished and designed to reduce the impacts of future floods, can save costs in the long run, and allow you to recover sooner from flooding.

This guide has been created for homes in flood affected areas which have not been built to relevant flood protection standards. New homes should be constructed with raised floor levels to minimise the impact of flooding, and should be designed and constructed in accordance with standards outlined by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action guidelines for 'Development in Flood Affected Areas' and Melbourne Water's 'Planning for Sea Level Rise Guidelines'.

Access the guide online: [melbournewater.com.au/water-and-environment/flooding-advice/being-prepared-flooding](http://melbournewater.com.au/water-and-environment/flooding-advice/being-prepared-flooding)

## Where can I find out more information?

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## Maribyrnong River Flood Review

An independent review of the Maribyrnong River flood event has commenced.

Learn more about the Maribyrnong River Flood Review online: [yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/maribyrnong-river-flood-review](http://yoursay.melbournewater.com.au/maribyrnong-river-flood-review)

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