

Preparing for Flooding and Flash Flooding



Flooding and flash flooding are significant risks in Brisbane and the Southeast corner with higher than average rainfall forecast this summer. Early preparation will help protect property and support your members and the communities they serve. Here are some key steps based on advice from the Brisbane City Council:

i Stay Informed

- **Sign Up for Alerts:** Register for Brisbane Severe Weather Alerts to receive real-time updates on severe weather and flood warnings.
- **Monitor Local Media:** Keep an eye on local radio stations and news outlets for the latest information and updates during a flood event.

📍 Utilize Council Resources

- **Flood Awareness Map:** Use the Brisbane City Council's Flood Awareness Map to understand the flood risks specific to your area.
- **FloodWise Property Report:** Access the FloodWise Property Report for detailed information on flood risks and building requirements for your property.

+ Prepare Your Property

- **Emergency Kit:** Ensure you have an emergency kit ready, including essentials like water, non-perishable food, medications, and important documents.
- **Sandbags:** Collect sandbags from Council depots at Darra, Morningside, Newmarket, and Zillmere if at risk of rising floodwaters.
- **Move Valuables:** Relocate valuable items, including motor vehicles and important documents, to higher ground to prevent damage.

🚶 Plan and Practice

- **Evacuation Route:** Plan and practice an evacuation route for your church members and staff. Make sure everyone knows the safest way to higher ground.
- **Community Support:** Establish a communication plan to stay connected with church members, especially those who may need additional assistance during a flood or have been impacted in the past.

Whilst this information focuses primarily on the Brisbane City Council region, check with your local council for advice for your area. If you have any specific questions or need further assistance, feel free to ask!

References

[Prepare your home - Brisbane City Council](#), [Flooding in Brisbane - Brisbane City Council](#), [Flood strategy and action plans - Brisbane City Council](#)

These simple steps and resources will help the Uniting Church ensure the safety and resilience of its community in the face of flooding and flash flooding. **Stay prepared and stay safe!**



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