



From Emergency Management Norfolk Island

PREPARING FOR CYCLONE SEASON

From November to April is the season when cyclones are most likely to impact the South West Pacific including Norfolk Island. By being prepared and aware the community has the best chance of minimising the effect should a cyclone occur.

This year a colour coded advise warning system will be used to quickly and decisively pass on information to the community. Warnings will be conveyed through 2NI and on the internet at:

www.norfolkisland.gov.nf

Public Broadcasts



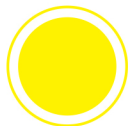
GREEN ALERT

Cyclone season has begun!
It's time to think what needs to be done



BLUE ALERT

The Met Bureau says its three days away
Preparations come into play



YELLOW ALERT

It's a day or two away from here
Watch listen and secure all gear



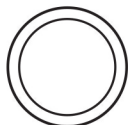
ORANGE ALERT

Twelve to twenty four hours, not more
Now's the time to make real sure



RED ALERT

Six hours out and you know what to do
Follow the plan and we'll all pull through



WHITE ALERT

Phew that was close but still don't guess
Listen for advise and clean up the mess

Find full information and advice on what needs to be done at each phase on the following page
or go to the Public Broadcast section on www.norfolkisland.gov.nf

REMEMBER

Follow the evacuation advice or directions of Police, Emergency Services personnel and authorities

AND

For Emergency Assistance Call 999 or 000

(life threatening situations, storm damage, rising flood water, fallen trees on buildings or roof damage etc.)

***Tear this page out... Keep this plan where you can always find it
eg. on the fridge!***

CYCLONE WARNING ALERT ACTION PLAN

Green Alert

Norfolk Island residents and visitors should consider what action they will need to take if the cyclone threat is present. The following is recommended:

- Organise your emergency kit including first aid kit, essential medications, torch, portable radio, spare batteries, food and water.
- Keep up to date with cyclone development through radio, television and internet.
- Secure or remove loose material and rubbish around your home or work.
- Develop a family cyclone plan and start making preparations if you have not done so.

Blue Alert

72 hours out from Norfolk Island

- Keep up to date with the cyclone development through radio, television or internet.
- Fill suitable water containers.
- Top up your car's fuel tank, chainsaws and normal fuel containers
- Ensure you have fresh batteries for your radio.
- Make sure you have adequate supplies of prescribed medicine.
- Stock up on non-perishable / tinned food items if required.
- Ensure your neighbours are aware of the issued advice.
- Secure or remove loose material and rubbish from around your home or work.
- Consider relocating people with special needs including people who are pregnant, elderly or have disabilities.
- Identify the strongest part of your house or the closest welfare centre.
- Identify a safe place for your pet/s.
- Ensure you have adequate tie down materials or anchor points for loose items.
- Organise a gas barbeque or portable stove to use outside in a dry, ventilated area, if electricity is cut.

Yellow Alert

Cyclone watch 48 – 24 hours out from Norfolk Island

- Keep up to date with the cyclone development through radio, television or internet.
- Know where your family and pets are located. Consider sheltering pets early.
- Secure boats, trailers, garden sheds, rainwater tanks and LPG bottles to tie down points.
- Store or secure other loose items like outdoor furniture that are likely to be thrown about by destructive winds.

Orange Alert

Cyclone warning 24 – 12 hours out from Norfolk Island

- Keep up to date with the cyclone development through radio, television or internet.
- Fuel your vehicles and park them in a sheltered area with the handbrake on and in park or first gear.
- Ensure your emergency kit is complete and emergency water containers, even bathtubs are full.
- Make sure your neighbours have received this warning. If you are ready and they need help, give them a hand.
- Fasten all cyclone screens. Board up or heavily tape exposed windows. Close curtains and lock doors.
- Pack a relocation kit, including warm clothes. Place valuables, important papers and photos in waterproof bags to be taken with your emergency kit.
- Prepare to move quickly to the strongest part of your house or relocate to the nearest welfare centre if required.
- If you live in a low-lying coastal area and the cyclone is likely to create a storm surge, you may be advised to relocate if required.
- Ensure your children are home.
- Gather tools that will be needed for emergency repairs e.g. hammer, nails, rope, tarpaulins and chainsaws.
- Prepare the safest part of your house (usually the bathroom) and place emergency stores there.
- Account for and lock up your pets.
- Make a final check of preparations.

Red Alert

6 – 0 hours out from Norfolk Island (issued every hour)

- Keep listening to your portable radio for information on the cyclone's progress.
- Disconnect electrical appliances and turn off gas supply valves.
- Ensure that pets and animals are safely sheltered.
- Go immediately to the strongest, safest part of your house or the building you are in (i.e. internal hallway, bathroom or toilet) or to the closest welfare centre.
- Keep your emergency kit with you.
- Take your relocation kit with you if you have been advised to relocate.
- Stay away from doors and windows, and keep them closed and locked.
- Stay inside until the White alert – ALL CLEAR is given by authorities.
- Do not make unnecessary demands on the emergency services.
- Beware of the calm "eye" of the cyclone and do not go outside until you are advised to do so.

White Alert

Cyclone has passed Norfolk Island but damage not assessed

- Keep listening to your portable radio for information on the cyclone's progress.
- Stay inside until the White Alert – ALL CLEAR is given by authorities.
- If you need to go outside, be careful because power lines could be down and there may be fallen trees, broken water and sewerage lines, loose roof sheeting and other material.
- Report any damage or injuries to the appropriate agency or to the EMNI.
- Do not touch wet switches, and beware of fallen power lines; treat them as if they are live.
- Do not drink water that could be contaminated.
- Stay at your shelter; resist the urge to go sightseeing.
- Keep listening to your portable radio for information on the cyclone's progress.
- Listen for information and follow advice from authorities.