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### Fact sheet

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The best time to prepare your car is before a storm and cyclone occurs.

Completing the list of suggested tasks on this fact sheet will help you to prepare your car and property to minimise potential damage.

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## Prepare your car

### General preparations

- Ensure your car insurance is current and that it covers your assets adequately.
- Have a spare supply of fuel for use in your vehicle to get you to the nearest fuel outlet (ensure you store fuel safely in an appropriate container).
- Purchase wide masking tape for car windows.
- Store blankets or a hail cover in your car.
- Keep bottled water and dry food/snacks in your car if you are caught away from home.

### Garage maintenance

- Arrange a professional builder to check your garage and identify measures to increase its structural security to withstand high winds.
- Check the condition of the roof and repair loose tiles, eaves and screws.
- Clean gutters and downpipes so water can drain away as quickly as possible.
- Trim trees and overhanging branches.
- Secure loose items that could cause damage if blown around in high winds.

### If you don't have a garage

- Identify nearby places where you can park your car during an emergency.
- Your backup-parking should be solid, well-constructed and above potential flood levels.
- Check your street and suburb for flood prone areas.

### When severe weather warnings are issued

- Park vehicles under cover, away from trees, power lines and waterways.
- If you cannot access undercover shelter for your vehicles, firmly secure blankets or quilts to them to minimise hail damage.

### If you are stuck in traffic

- Keep a mobile charger in your car.
- Place books and/or DVDs in your car to entertain the family.
- Listen to your local ABC radio station for weather updates and road closures.

### If it's flooded, forget it.

You never know what is in flood water or if the foundation of the road is intact.

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