

# Know what to do when

## SEVERE WEATHER

# comes through

## Severe Weather Checklist

If history has taught us anything in the Territory, it's that severe weather can hit hard. There are things we can all do to reduce the impact, so make sure you know what to do – plan, prepare, protect, connect.



### 1. PLAN

- Have you made an emergency plan?
- Have you prepared your home and yard?
- Have you planned how you and your family will cope if power and water supplies are interrupted?
- Have you saved the relevant emergency numbers?
- Have you planned where you and your family will go in the event access to your house is restricted?



### 3. PROTECT

- Always assume fallen powerlines are live and dangerous even if they're not sparking.
- Stay away from any damaged Power and Water infrastructure. It may be live.
- Solar panels could still be live when the power is out.
- If you get tingles or shocks from an appliance or tap, stay clear.
- Once power is restored, make sure you wait for a few minutes before turning on all your appliances.
- If your home or power service line connection has been damaged, you will need to obtain a Certificate of Compliance from a NT licensed electrician before your home can be reconnected.
- Power points and water do not mix. If a power point is wet, do not use it. Call an NT licensed electrician to make it safe.



### 2. PREPARE

- Have you cleared any tree branches overhanging your roof or interfering with powerlines?
- Have you got a supply of bottled water ready? Do you have buckets ready to keep water in your bathroom?
- Have you considered a surge protector/diverter or uninterrupted power supply for any of your electrical equipment?
- Is your sewer overflow gully clean and clear?
- If you're renting, have you spoken with your landlord about who is responsible for contacting an electrician or plumber if needed?



### 4. CONNECT

Restoring power to essential and emergency services always takes priority over residential properties.

For real-time updates on interruptions to supply during an event, visit [powerwater.com.au/outages](http://powerwater.com.au/outages)

Keep a battery powered radio handy and stay tuned to local stations for ongoing updates.

Important numbers to keep handy:

- Power and Water emergencies and faults: 1800 245 090
- Police, Fire or Ambulance for life-threatening emergencies: 000
- NT Emergency Service for help in floods, storms and cyclones: 132 500