

Are you summer safe?

Use this checklist to find out if you are prepared for storms or bushfires



Before a storm or bushfire

Prepare your home and business

- Secure any loose items that could become airborne in strong winds
- Ensure gutters, downpipes and drains are clear of debris
- Inspect roofs and fixtures for water damage
- Clear firebreaks
- If trees and branches are growing too close to our powerlines, contact Essential Energy on **13 20 80** or visit essentialenergy.com.au/trees

Prepare an emergency plan

Write down:

- What you will do in an emergency
- Where you will go if you are required to evacuate
- Who you are responsible for (children, pets, other family, neighbours etc)
- Relevant phone numbers and radio station frequencies so you can stay up to date
- Keep your mobile charged on high risk days
- Consider access to back-up power if you need to pump water
- Visit the SES website, sesemergencyplan.com.au for more information and tools for creating your emergency plan
- Visit the RFS website, myfireplan.com.au for more information and tools for creating your bushfire survival plan.

Prepare an emergency kit

Include:

- A torch with a supply of batteries
- Candles and waterproof matches
- A portable radio with spare batteries
- Non-perishable food, a can-opener and fresh drinking water
- Spare warm, dry clothing
- A first aid kit and essential medications
- A list of emergency contact numbers, including Essential Energy's 24-hour **13 20 80** number.

Keep an eye on the weather

Visit Essential Energy's StormTracker at our website: essentialenergy.com.au/stormtracker

Check fire alert levels

Visit rfs.nsw.gov.au/firesnearme or download the 'Fires Near Me' app for more info.

After a storm or bushfire

Damaged or fallen powerlines can be hard to spot.

Indicators of potential damage may include flickering or no power supply, burnt areas in paddocks or road-sides, injured or downed stock, smoke or fallen trees.

Contact Essential Energy on 13 20 80 if:

- You see fallen or damaged powerlines. Always stay at least 8 metres away from the line and anything in contact with it and report the fault immediately
- Your vehicle comes into contact with powerlines. If it is safe to do so, stay inside the vehicle and call Essential Energy immediately.

Visit essentialenergy.com.au/summersafety to familiarise yourself with emergency escape procedures and to download a copy of our Storm and Bushfire Safety fact sheets.