



PREPARING WHILE RECOVERING

Cyclone Seroja recovery continues, so this season is going to look and feel different. Now is the time to come together with your neighbours, family and friends to prepare your homes and properties, so you're safe if severe weather threatens your community.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

MAKE YOUR CYCLONE PLAN

It is important for everyone in your household to agree on a cyclone plan. Your plan should include a safe location to shelter if a cyclone is forecast to impact your town.

If you are currently living in a mobile home or property with existing damage you need to consider your shelter options. Chat with your neighbours, family or friends to decide on an alternate safe shelter in advance of severe weather.

Visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone/prepare for a list of prompts that will help you make a cyclone plan.

PREPARE YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Ensure you have an emergency kit packed and ready to go. Pack a first-aid kit, important documents, non-perishable food, battery-operated radio and lights with spare batteries, toiletries, protective clothing, spare house and car keys, spare clothes, and medical items. Store all these items in a waterproof bag.

Visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone/prepare for a complete list of items you need for your emergency kit.

PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

If your property is currently damaged and temporarily repaired, or undergoing building works, it is important to secure loose items, such as cyclone debris and building materials, that could cause further damage or personal injury in high winds.

If your property has no obvious damage from Cyclone Seroja, you need to check it for loosened or damaged structural parts that could compromise it withstanding future severe weather.

If your roof has been tarped by your insurer, the Insurance Council of Australia advises you to check the tarp is secure (if it is safe to do so). If you can not check your tarp, or it is not secure, please call your insurer and ask them to arrange an inspection and/or reaffix the tarp.

Visit dfes.wa.gov.au/cyclone/prepare to read the **DFES Tropical Cyclone Preparedness Guide** for detailed information about how to prepare your property.

STAY INFORMED

Staying informed is a key part of being prepared. When severe weather is forecast DFES works with the Bureau of Meteorology to keep you informed.

To help you prepare and make decisions to stay safe when severe weather is on its way, check the alerts and warnings at www.emergency.wa.gov.au, follow DFES on Facebook or Twitter, or listen to your local ABC Radio.

RESILIENCE GRANTS AVAILABLE

Another way to prepare your property is by installing roof tie-down upgrades, cyclone rated garage doors, cyclone shutters or debris screens, and solid external grade doors.

If you are an insured homeowner impacted by Cyclone Seroja you may be eligible for a Resilience Grant* of up to \$20,000 to carry out the installation of these items in your home.

Visit dfes.wa.gov.au/recoveryandresiliencegrants or call 1800 490 678 to find out more information.

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