

Evacuation Strategy

Overview of the region's evacuation strategy



**Shelter
in place**
If safe to do so

**Evacuate
to family
or friends
in safe
places**



**Place of
refuge or
evacuation
centre**
If activated

This information is provided to assist the citizens of Woodgate to prepare for evacuation due to significant weather events, bushfires, or other disasters. This locally-relevant information is provided to all households and businesses at Woodgate. Similar plans are available for other localities across the Bundaberg Region.

The Woodgate Evacuation Guide includes:

- The Bundaberg Region's overarching **evacuation strategy**;
- **Triggers** for action;
- **Things to consider** when evacuating;
- **Evacuation routes** out of Woodgate.



Evacuation Triggers When should I evacuate?

Act immediately if



you receive a voice or text message from the national “Emergency Alert” telephone warning system. However, you **should not** wait to receive a warning message before you act.

The following **triggers** provide a useful guide for when to get ready for possible impacts in the Woodgate community that may require you to evacuate.

- Localised rainfall in **excess of 150mm per hour** may cause localised flash flooding
- Widespread rainfall in **excess of 200mm in 48 hours**
- The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) issues any of the following **warnings** for your location:
 - **Severe Weather Warning**
 - **Storm Tide Warning**
 - **Tsunami Watch**
 - **Tsunami Warning** (Marine or Land Inundation)
- BoM cyclone track map puts a **cyclone within 400km of Woodgate**
- **Fire warnings** and/or **fire weather warnings** from QFES or BoM
- Shallow **earthquake** detected above Magnitude 4 within close proximity to Woodgate (or “felt” earthquake experienced)
- A **disaster declaration** is made



Evacuation Options Where should I go?

A

Ideally you should 'shelter-in-place'.

Stay where you are, if it is safe to do so.

B

Evacuating to friends or family in safe locations should be the next part of your evacuation plan. You will be more comfortable; you can take your pets and more of your belongings; and you will be with people you know and trust.

C

A "Place of Refuge" may be activated in a safe place near your community. Places of Refuge provide basic shelter only until the danger has passed. Food, bedding and other assistance may not be available.

D

Evacuation Centres are located outside of hazard zones and provide basic amenities. Keep in mind that the closest evacuation centre for Woodgate residents may be in Bundaberg.

Things to consider

- The **location of refuges and evacuation centres may be different for each event.** Follow advice from authorities about where to go.
- **Updates are available** on the Bundaberg Regional Council website, Facebook page and Disaster Dashboard, or tune into ABC radio (100.1 FM or 855 AM).
- You may need to **evacuate earlier if you have a health condition or mobility issues.** Don't hesitate to ask family and/or friends for help.
- **Prepare early and take your evacuation kit.** For tips on what to pack visit getready.qld.gov.au
- **Have an evacuation plan for your pets** - evacuation centres have limited ability to accommodate pets. All pets must be restrained.

Evacuation Routes relevant to Woodgate



remember

your route should be
the **safest, most direct**
route available

Find out more at:
disaster.bundaberg.qld.gov.au



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