

CYCLONE

ACTION GUIDE

BE PREPARED

Preparing prior to the cyclone season can minimise damage to your property and save you time in an emergency. You can prepare prior to the cyclone season by.

- ▶ Trimming branches well clear of your home.
- ▶ Fitting window shutters or at least metal screens.
- ▶ Clearing your property of loose material that could blow about to cause injury or damage during extreme winds.
- ▶ Have an emergency kit on hand, including a battery operated radio, torch and spare batteries
- ▶ Keep a list of emergency numbers handy

BE INFORMED

Ask neighbours, SES, council, whether cyclones have occurred in your area, what to expect and appropriate actions to take.

BE ALERT

- ▶ Keep up to date with the progress of a cyclone through information provided by the Bureau of Meteorology in each State/Territory at www.bom.gov.au.
- ▶ Based on predicted wind speeds and storm surge heights, evacuation may be necessary. Decide as early as possible whether you are going to evacuate. Official advice will be given on local radio/tv regarding safe routes and when to move.
- ▶ Follow the advice of local authorities in regards to appropriate actions during each stage of the cyclone.

For further information contact your local State Emergency Service office. www.ema.gov.au

