



PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with Section 4 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, the Shire of Goomalling is required to review its Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) every five years. The LEMA is a community focused, coordinated approach to the management of all potential emergencies within a local government area.

The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) comprises of key organisations within the community including schools, hospital, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), St John Ambulance, police, Department of Communities and the Shire of Goomalling. The LEMC meet on a regular basis to discuss, review and exercise the LEMAs effectiveness, including regional emergencies with surrounding local governments.

Shire of Goomalling's existing LEMA was due for review before the end of 2022. Council endorsed the updated LEMA at its meeting Wednesday 16 November 2022 and has submitted it to DFES for approval.

Council's LEMA is available for review on the Shire of Goomalling website under [Plans](#).

With the review of our LEMA, it is a timely reminder for our community to **be prepared** for an emergency, here are some important things to consider:

1. Register with Volunteering WA (you won't have time to be inducted in case of an emergency, if you plan to help out, register now.)
2. Farmers – become a Farm Response Bushfire Brigade Member – complete your training to be eligible to receive "Vehicle Identifier Sticker" and receive Personal Protective Equipment.
3. Prepare a personal emergency evacuation kit*
4. Follow Council's Facebook page and website
5. Store your important documents in water/fire proof containers**
6. Make a plan for your pets and livestock***

DFES has distributed the following guides for the current bushfire season and we've made them available on Council's website under [Emergency Services](#):

1. Burn Smart Guide for Landholder
2. Guidelines for Operating Private Equipment at Fires

In the unlikely event of an evacuation centre opening Council staff will accompany Department of Communities either within our Shire or elsewhere depending on the circumstance. Refer to the attached information sheets developed by Department of Communities as guide for your own emergency evacuation preparedness.

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* Emergency Kits Information Sheet

** Key Document Information

*** Pet Care Information



Emergency Services information sheet

Emergency Kits

Essential items

A well prepared emergency kit should consider the following items:

- water in sealed containers (10 litres per person for three days)
- portable, battery operated radio
- torch
- first aid kit
- Prescriptions, medications, sanitary products, toiletries and handywipes
- special needs for infants, aged and people with disabilities
- spare clothing including strong shoes, broad brimmed hat, and leather gloves
- waterproof ponchos
- blankets, towels
- sunscreen
- sleeping bags
- mobile phone and charger or phone card
- extra car and house keys
- multi-functional pocket knife
- canned food, tea, coffee, powdered milk
- can opener and utensils
- waterproof matches
- strong plastic bags for important documents and personal items
- emergency contacts
- family and friend contact details
- books, playing cards or games
- credit cards, key cards and money

First aid kit

Use a well sealed container for your first aid kit. A well stocked kit should consider the following essential items:

- non-stick dressings
- bandages
- sterile gauze pads
- bandaids
- antiseptic cream
- iodine
- saline solution
- pain relief
- surgical tape
- scissors
- hypothermic blanket
- Waterproof matches.

Pre-prepared first aid kits are available from pharmacies, some emergency service organisations and online. They can be tailor made to suit your specific needs.

First aid kits for pets

Refer to our Pet Care fact sheets for information on first aid kits for pets.

Further information

To find out more about Emergency kits please visit our website.

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Storing key documents

In case of an emergency, store important documents in a fire and waterproof container or safe deposit box.

Review your insurance policies to ensure they are current and adequate.

If you keep documents in your home, try to take them with you if you evacuate.

It is recommended you keep originals and copies of documents at an alternate, secure location.

Some of the documents you should protect include:

- birth, death and marriage certificates
- mortgage/property deeds
- insurance policies
- banking details
- passport
- will and power of attorney documents
- important medical records
- insurance and letters of authenticity for art and jewellery
- back up of important computer stored information.

Storage options

Safe deposit box

Banks rent safety deposit boxes for safe and secure storage of important documents and valuables.

Fire and water proof containers (evacuation boxes)

Evacuation boxes should also include a small amount of cash, a phone card and a list of emergency phone numbers.

Your local emergency service centre or insurance company may provide fire and waterproof containers which you may also find at your local hardware or camping supplier.

Useful tips

Photocopy each document and photograph valuables such as jewellery and art. Keep these copies in a fire and waterproof container at home or in an alternate, secure location.

Make a list of your possessions, including model and serial numbers of goods for insurance or tax purposes. Put one copy of the list in your evacuation box and another in your safe deposit box.

Photocopy receipts of valuable items and keep originals in safe deposit box. The contents of safe deposit boxes and evacuation boxes should be reviewed and updated regularly.

Further information

To find out more about storing key documents please visit our website.

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Pet care

Evacuating pets

Animals are the responsibility of their owners at all times, including in emergencies.

Evacuation centres will not accept pets other than assistance animals due to health and safety risks.

Owners are advised to plan ahead for the safety and welfare of their pets, horses and livestock (farm animals) well before disaster strikes.

The following information is designed to give pet owners throughout the State useful tips to guide them through the pet evacuation plan.

Plan for pets

When planning your own response to an emergency evacuation make sure you consider how pets will be managed.

Some factors to consider are:

- do you intend to stay or leave your property when a warning is issued?
- either way, at what point in the warning will you relocate your pets to a delegated, safer area?
- check with your local council or relevant emergency related agency whether a pet contingency plan is already in place
- coordinate a pet evacuation plan with your neighbours, friends and or relatives
- ensure your pets are properly identified and their routine vaccinations and all tags and registrations are up to date
- include the phone numbers of your vet, local animal welfare agency and the local ranger.

After a disaster

Following an emergency or disaster animals can be disoriented, frightened or aggressive.

If an animal is missing after an emergency or disaster, owners should check with their local pound, animal shelter or boarding kennel.

Photographs of your animal and records of identification devices/numbers will help in the search effort.

Other hints and tips

- don't leave animals in vehicles
- in hot conditions provide extra water
- aviaries should be fitted with overhead sprinklers for use in fires
- report details of injured native animals.

Further information

To find out more about pet care, animal welfare information and examples of pet plans and kits;

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/animalwelfare/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/animalwelfare/animal-welfare-natural-disaster>

or your Local Government office.