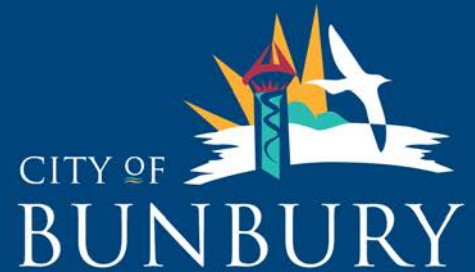


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Are you storm ready?



City of Bunbury residents are being reminded to storm proof their properties.

Winter is coming and so is the very real risk of property damage and personal injury from the wild and woolly weather.

Now is the perfect time to remove or secure items that may be lifted by strong winds and blow through windows or roof materials.

Lop trees and branches away from the roofline and windows, as well as clean gutters of any material that may restrict rainwater flow.

City of Bunbury Community Safety and Emergency Management Team Leader Chris Widmer said every year severe storms and localised extreme winds wreaked havoc on homes and properties throughout the South West.

“City of Bunbury residents can greatly reduce their risk of storm damage to the home by cleaning up their properties and taking advantage of the forthcoming hard and green-waste collections,” Mr Widmer said.

“It is also important to have an emergency-ready kit handy in the home.”

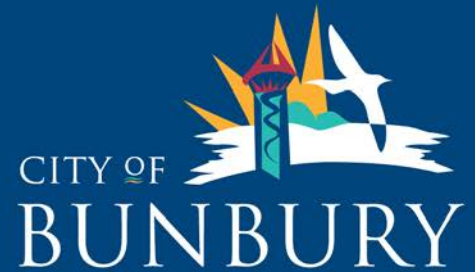
Mr Widmer said residents can be storm ready by doing the following;

- Check and repair your roof and guttering to keep it water proof
- Clean gutters and downpipes of leaf litter, so that storm water can drain away
- Trim branches clear of your home and get a professional contractor to clear trees from power lines
- Clear your yard of loose objects that could cause damage if picked up by high winds
- Have a torch and radio with spare batteries available in case of power cuts

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- Plastic bags and sheeting are useful to keep possessions dry in case of storm damage to your home or property
- Keep a card with emergency numbers for SES (132 500), Bureau of Meteorology (1900 155 349), Western Power (13 13 51), insurance company and gas supplier.

For more information visit www.bunbury.com and search 'Storm Safety'.

For green and hardwaste collection dates search 'verge hardwaste and greenwaste collections'

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