

Hazards in Whangamata

Storms and Floods



Tsunami



Fire



Be prepared. Be informed.

Make sure you have an evacuation plan in place, and your three days worth of supplies (including medicine). If you have a disability or are elderly, identify a friend or neighbour who can assist you to get out of harm's way.

Have a 'go bag' ready in case you need to evacuate very quickly.

Some things you might want to put in your go bag:



Radio & batteries



Torch & batteries



Bottle of water



Rain poncho



Essential medicine



Food & Pet Food



First aid kit



Copies of important documents

Visit www.happens.nz for more ways to get ready for an emergency

**If at any stage you consider life or property in danger
phone 111 immediately**



Get emergency mobile alerts from the Red Cross Hazard App



visit tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe to sign up for email alerts



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Listen to the following radio stations:

More FM 93.9FM
Kool FM 97.3FM
The Breeze 96.7FM
Radio NZ 819AM
Newstalk ZB 1008AM



Download the Red Cross Hazard App



When a natural disaster hits, you may need to take care of yourself for up to seven (7) days before help can arrive.

A Community Response Plan has been developed to ensure there are measures in place to help the community look after itself.

The plan is designed to:

- Help you to understand the hazards that exist in Whangamata,
- Let you know what level of risk these hazards pose to your community,
- Help you to know what you can do to prepare yourself, and those who depend on you, to survive through an emergency, and
- Ensure you know the warning signals to evacuate, and where to evacuate.

Civil Defence Centres

A Civil Defence Centre is a facility set up to support people during an emergency.

To find out if a centre has been set up:

- Visit the TCDC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil
- Listen to your local radio station
- Check the Whangamata Area Office display board
- Search Waitkato Civil Defence on Facebook or Twitter

What to do

- Fire can start from natural causes like floods and electrical shorts, volcanic activity, lightning strikes and high wind causing power lines to arc. Low rainfall and drought can also cause an increase in the number of fires started.
- Have an escape plan.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms.
- Apply for a permit if you want to light open fires in a restricted season.
- Remain calm if you see a fire, smell smoke, or your smoke alarm goes off.
- Drop to the floor and get out of the building or away from the fire.
- Call 111.

What to do

- An earthquake could cause a tsunami. Know the natural warning signs:
 - A violent earthquake that makes it hard to stand up.
 - A vibrating earthquake lasting 1-2 minutes.
 - Sudden tidal changes at the beach or harbour.
 - Loud roaring noises from the sea.
- The map on the rear of this flyer shows the tsunami evacuation zones.
- Have an emergency plan for your family and plan your evacuation route now.
- If you experience the natural warning signs, immediately move uphill or inland.
- Listen to the radio and follow instructions of emergency services.

What to do

- Storms and severe weather can happen at any time of the year. Even in the middle of summer.
- Severe weather includes strong winds, heavy rain, thunderstorms and rough seas.
- Storms often bring localised flooding.
- They can block access to or from your home or batch.

What to do

- Stop imagining your car is a submarine.
- Don't try to walk through floods either. Flooded waterways can often contain debris like tree branches and sheets of iron.
- Check the tide times. Flooding often happens at high tide and recedes at low tide.
- Listen to the radio and follow the instructions of emergency services.
- Check metSERVICE.com for real-time updates.
- Check TCDC's Facebook page to see what other people around the Coromandel are reporting.
- Have a family emergency plan.

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