

# COLVILLE

## community guide to emergencies



### STORMS AND FLOODS/SLIPS

Storms and severe weather can happen at any time of the year, even in the middle of summer. This includes strong winds, heavy rain, and thunderstorms. Storms often bring localised flooding and they can block access to or from your home or bach.

#### WHAT TO DO

- Charge all devices while you still have power.
- Secure anything that could cause damage in strong winds (such as outdoor furniture).
- Stay inside and bring your pets inside. If you have to leave, take them with you.
- Take measures to reduce potential flood damage and make sure your insurance policy covers you for flood damage.
- Don't drive through flood waters – your car is not a submarine.
- Don't walk through flood waters as they could be contaminated with raw sewerage or contain dangerous debris.
- 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](http://metservice.com) for real-time updates.
- Check TCDC's Facebook page to see what other people around the Coromandel are reporting.
- Have a household emergency plan.



### EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

An earthquake could cause a tsunami. Know the natural warning signs:

- » Experience an earthquake that makes it hard to stand up or lasts longer than a minute
- » Notice sudden tidal changes at the beach or harbour
- » Hear loud or unusual sounds from the ocean

#### WHAT TO DO

- Drop. Cover. Hold - during the earthquake
- If you live in a coastal area, evacuate immediately as far up or inland as you can. Do not wait for an official warning.
- Wait for the official 'all clear'
- Have an emergency plan and go bag ready
- Listen to the local radio and follow instructions of Emergency Services
- Download the Red Cross Hazards App
- A distant source tsunami allows ample time to notify and prepare



### FIRE

Fire can start from natural causes like floods and earthquakes (causing electrical shorts), volcanic activity, lightning strikes and high wind. Low rainfall and drought can also cause an increase in the number of fires started.

#### WHAT TO DO

- Have an escape plan.
- Decide WHEN you need to escape.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms.
- Apply for a permit if you want to light open fires in a restricted season.
- Minimise wildfire risk by maintaining "3m" of cleared space, no trees, around your home.
- Drop to the floor and get out of the building or away from the fire.
- Call 111.

## GET READY

Communities on the Coromandel Peninsula have a history of being cut off for **3 DAYS** or more.

You may need to take care of yourself before help arrives visit [www.getready.govt.nz](http://www.getready.govt.nz) to help you get ready.

### AM I PREPARED?

**Do I have an emergency plan for the hazards in my area?** [getready.govt.nz](http://getready.govt.nz)

**Do I have 3 days of emergency supplies?** (including medicine)



**Do I have an evacuation plan?**

- Is my Go Bag packed?
- Do I require assistance – Identify a friend or neighbour that can help you.

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### BE INFORMED.

**RECEIVE MOBILE ALERTS**  
National Emergency Management Agency: [getready.govt.nz/prepared/stay-informed/emergency-mobile-alert/](http://getready.govt.nz/prepared/stay-informed/emergency-mobile-alert/)

**RECEIVE E-MAIL ALERTS**  
Visit [tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe](http://tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe) to sign up

**UPDATES VIA FACEBOOK**  
[/thamescoromandeldistrictcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/thamescoromandeldistrictcouncil)

GeoNet Geological Hazard App   
MetService App   
[www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/highway-conditions](http://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/highway-conditions)

**RADIO STATIONS**  
Radio NZ 756AM

**CHECK YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**  
Colville General Store  
Colville Hall  
Colville Social Services

To report issues that are non life or property threatening contact Thames-Coromandel District Council at 07 868 0200.

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

## Tsunami Evacuation

– walk where possible –



**IF IT'S LONG OR STRONG GET GONE**  
**IF IT'S FAR AWAY YOU'VE GOT ALL DAY**



**WHERE WILL YOU WALK?**

The white shaded areas are the safe zones (20m or more above sea level). If you are unable to get to the Safe Zone, aim for the areas not shaded blue, these have a lesser risk of inundation.

Follow the tsunami evacuation signs when you notice the natural warnings or are officially instructed to evacuate.

Visit [www.getready.govt.nz](http://www.getready.govt.nz)

For more detailed information see [www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/tsunamistrategy](http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/tsunamistrategy)

