

Preparing for weather events checklist

It is important to understand how dams operate, especially during the storm season and periods of heavy rain.

What	Why	How	✓
Know your local dam and its location	Dams are an important part of a water catchment and can pass upstream flows during heavy rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find your nearest Sunwater dam at sunwater.com.au • For other Queensland dams, visit dews.qld.gov.au/water/dams 	✓
Understand how local dams work	Understand what the dam is designed to do and the role it plays during heavy rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit bit.ly/preparingforweatherevents to learn how your local dam works and how water is released 	✓
Know how to check dam levels	Monitoring levels will provide insight into how much water is flowing in and out of your local dams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check the level of your local dam by downloading the Sunwater app or visit sunwater.com.au • Monitor forecasts and river levels at bom.gov.au • Contact your local council for information relating to road and crossing closures 	✓
Register for Sunwater notifications	Registering for notifications provides you advanced notice of dam outflows so you can monitor local conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you live immediately downstream of a Sunwater dam, register for SMS updates at sunwater.com.au • Download the Sunwater app to receive push notifications when dams are spilling water and to monitor dam levels • Follow Sunwater on Facebook and Twitter • Contact your local council for any available weather event advice and emergency notification service 	✓
Check if there are any other waterways near your home	Rising water can come from several sources – expecting flood water to come from your local dam could mean you miss other important warnings relating to a nearby river, creek or stream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check if you live on a floodplain or if your property has a history of flooding via your local council's flood maps or the Emergency Management page at bit.ly/preparingforweatherevents • Confirm the height at which rivers closest to you spill their banks and how to keep informed with real-time data at bom.gov.au 	✓
Have a plan for heavy rain	Prepare your family and property so you can respond quickly to rising water levels and flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create your 'What if' plan via the Get Ready Queensland website at getready.qld.gov.au • Tune your battery powered radio to listen for weather and warning updates 	✓

