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**your EMERGENCY KIT**

At the start of cyclone season, prepare the following items in a sturdy plastic container:
- Battery operated radio & spare batteries
- Torch & spare batteries
- Candles & lighter or matches
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Personal documents
- Non-perishable food
- Water in sealed containers
- Can opener & utensils
- Gas stove & fuel
- Pet food, water & other animal needs
- Cash
- Strong plastic bags
- Emergency phone numbers

**cyclone WATCH**

A Cyclone Watch is issued when the cyclone is predicted to affect coastal or island communities within 48 hours. A Cyclone Watch is renewed every 6 hours.

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**cyclone UPDATES**

Tune into your local radio station for regular cyclone updates. Alternatively check the Bureau of Meteorology website: [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)