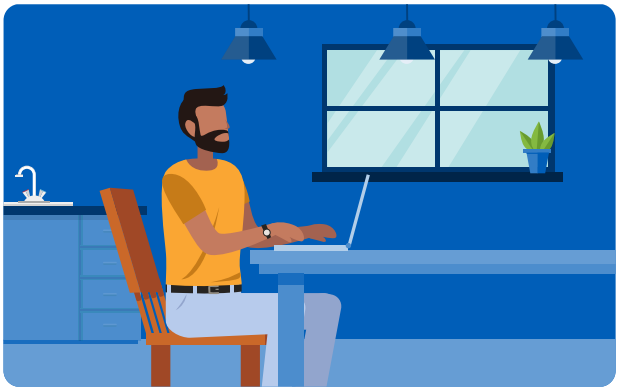
Be waterwise during natural disasters

Every drop counts

Natural disasters such as floods, bushfires and cyclones can disrupt drinking water supplies

Even during a flood, when there seems to be water everywhere, safe drinking water and water for other uses can still be limited. Using only the water you need can help water service providers restore safe, reliable services more quickly.

Everyone has a role to play before during and after a disaster event. By being waterwise you can help protect your water supply and support your community's recovery.



Follow advice from your water service provider

Check your water service provider's website, social media channels or local emergency updates for the latest information about your area.

How you can help by being waterwise

Simple ways to save water and help restore safe water service sooner.



Use water only for essential needs



Keep showers 4 minutes or less



Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, washing your hands or shaving



Collect water while waiting for it to heat up or cool down and use it on your garden



Sweep away mud and debris with a broom or leaf blower instead of using a hose

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How natural disasters can affect water supplies

Damage to water infrastructure

Floods, storms, bushfires and cyclones can damage water pipes, treatment plants and other equipment. This can disrupt water supplies or reduce the ability to treat and deliver safe drinking water.
Power outages can also impact water services.

Contamination of water sources

Natural disasters, like floods and bushfires, can affect the quality of water in rivers, dams and other waterways. These events can carry sewage, chemicals, sediment and other debris into water sources. This can make water treatment more difficult and potentially disrupt water supplies.



Increased demand

People often use more water than usual before, during and after a disaster event, such as for storing water or cleaning up mud and debris. This can place additional strain on drinking water supplies. That's why it's important to be waterwise and follow the advice of your water service provider.

Using water wisely helps make sure there is enough safe drinking water for everyone.

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