

Thinking about emergencies

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Today's session

- Auckland Emergency Management
- Whole of society thinking
- Hazards and Readiness
- Shakeout!



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Auckland Emergency Management

- Part of Auckland Council
- Works with central government, emergency services, other organisations to help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies
- We help **coordinate** these efforts.



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‘Whole of society’ view

- Agencies working together make up the Emergency Management system
- 16 Emergency Management groups in NZ
- Communities are at the heart of disaster resilience and effective emergency management
- In fact, ‘everyone is an emergency manager’



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Auckland's Diversity

- 1.7 million people with 40% born overseas
- 180 Cultures and Languages



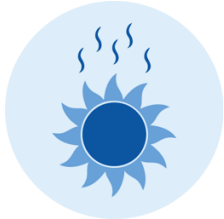
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What are our local hazards?



Hazards



We will need to decide....

to stay where we are.....

OR

to leave....



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A response will often involve

- Community-led activity – local, fast to stand up, people looking after each other, collecting and passing on information
- An official emergency response – coordinated and prioritised response, e.g. rescues, messaging, shelter and needs assessment

‘When an emergency happens, civil defence and emergency services will be busy helping the people who need them most.’

- NEMA (NZ)



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Benefits a community brings to a response

- Local knowledge
- Collective action
- Mutual support
- Needs and offers



– the community is resourceful and maintains agency.



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Will what you do depend on the circumstances?
Hint: Yes. Know your local hazards...

Make a Plan

Think about yourself - what would you need in an emergency? What can you offer?

Think about your household – what do you all need? What can you offer?

Think about your community – where can you get involved?
Who might need your help?



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Emergency Grab Bag

Personalise to your needs

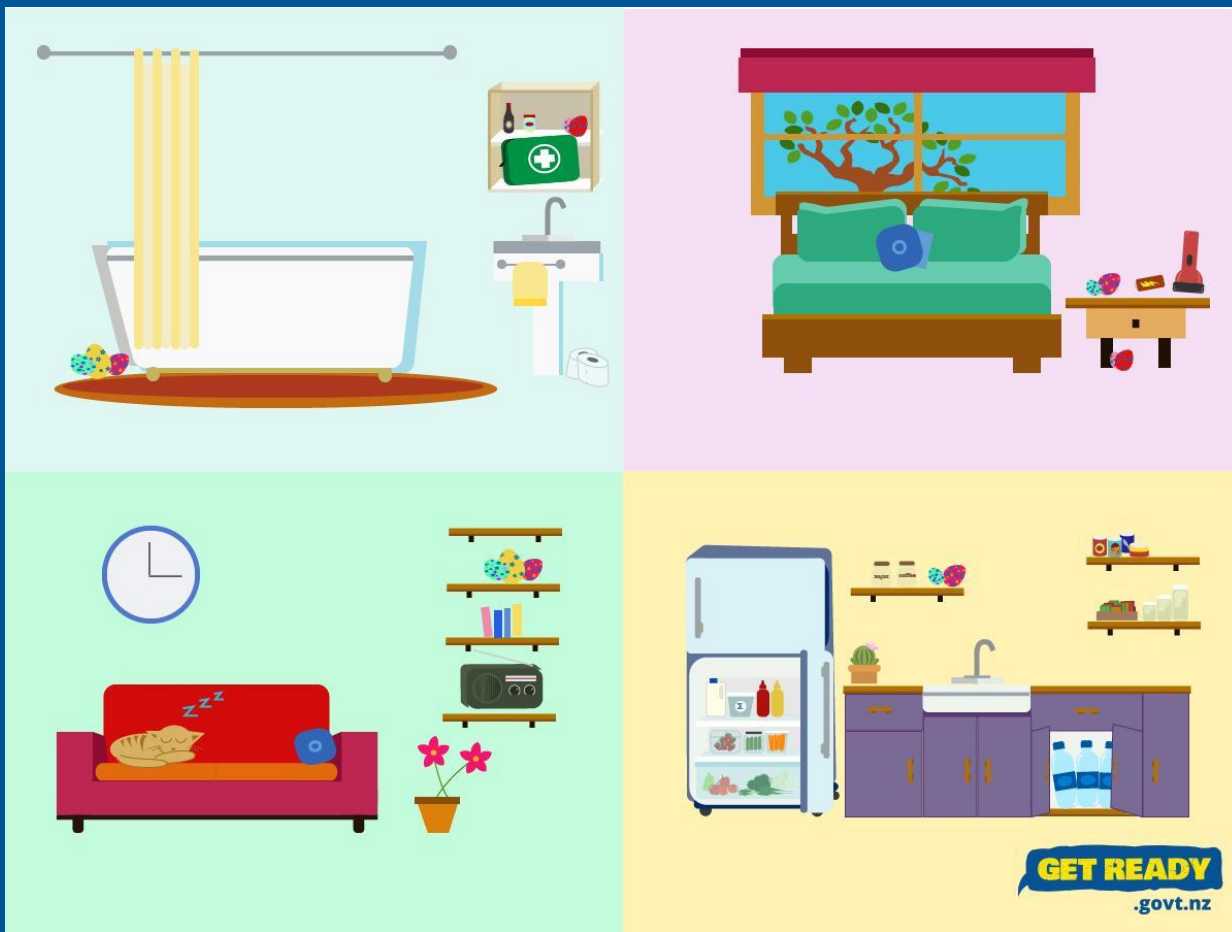
- Walking shoes, warm clothes, raincoat and hat
- Water and snack food (remember babies and pets too)
- Hand sanitiser
- Portable phone charger
- Cash
- Copies of important documents and photo ID
- Medication
- First aid kit & mask or face covering
- A torch, radio and batteries somewhere you can grab them in a hurry.



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Household Emergency Supplies



- Torch and batteries
- Radio and batteries
- Water for three day
- First aid supplies.
- Long-lasting food.
- Toilet paper and large plastic buckets



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Shakeout!

New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation). ShakeOut 2026 is happening on **Wednesday 21 October at 1:30pm**.

[New Zealand ShakeOut](#) — [Get Ready \(NZ Civil Defence\)](#) —
[Emergency preparedness in New Zealand](#)



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Where to go for information

[Auckland Emergency Management](#)

[Home — Get Ready \(NZ Civil Defence\) — Emergency preparedness in New Zealand](#)



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Kia ora

Thank you

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