

## IF YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE...



Evacuate immediately if told to do so by authorities.

Take your grab bag with you if you have it with you. Use travel routes specified by local authorities, some areas may be impassable or dangerous.

### Preparing to evacuate

There may be times when authorities tell you to prepare to evacuate, but you do not need to leave immediately. For example, you may be told to prepare to evacuate if river levels are getting very high and there is a risk of flooding.

Prepare to evacuate by following these steps:

1. Put on protective, weather appropriate clothing to cover your arms and legs, and sturdy footwear in case you have to move through debris.
2. Put your **grab bag** by the door or in your vehicle.
3. Leave mobile phones on and charged so you can receive Emergency Mobile Alerts and Antenna updates.
4. Listen to the radio or check website or Facebook pages for updates.
5. Listen to Emergency Management Southland authorities and follow any instructions regarding evacuation of your area. **Self-evacuate if you feel unsafe.**

### Physical disability or mobility impairment

If you or someone you are caring for has a physical disability or mobility impairment, make sure you bring any aids required.

The most important thing you can do is prepare – and the first step is thinking about how an emergency could impact your life.

- How will an emergency affect you?
- What if the roads are closed?
- What if the shops are closed?
- What if there is no power?
- What if there is no water?
- What if there is no phone or internet?
- What if you have to leave home in a hurry?

Once you know what the impact could be, the next step is preparing. In an emergency, disruptions can last for days – you'll need to think about what you will need, who can support you and where you will go if you can't stay at home.

### Babies and young children

Babies are more at risk of becoming dehydrated or getting an infection, so they need special care and attention in an emergency.

In an emergency, roads and shops may be closed for three days or more, so you need to have supplies to get your baby through.

Make sure you have supplies for young children in a **grab bag** in case you have to leave home in a hurry. The **grab bag** should have warm clothing, water and snack food, and a favourite toy or game to keep them occupied.

### Pets

Preparing pets for evacuation by bringing your pets indoors and confine them to one room to allow you to find them quickly when you need to leave. Have pet carrier boxes and leashes ready.

Take your pets with you when you evacuate – if it will not delay you, or consider an early evacuation.

### Preparing your home

Turn off water, electricity and gas if advised to.

Move valuable and dangerous items as high above the floor as possible. This includes electrical equipment and chemicals. Use watertight containers to store important items.

Lift curtains, rugs and bedding off the floor.

### Key Communications for the Gore District

If life or property is at risk - call **111** (fire, police, ambulance)

Radio Stations	Hokonui	94.8 FM
	CaveFM	106.40FM

Gore District Council website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)

Gore District Council Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/GoreDC](http://www.Facebook.com/GoreDC)

Emergency Management Southland Website [www.cdsouthland.nz](http://www.cdsouthland.nz)

Emergency Management Southland Facebook [www.facebook.com/cdsouthland/](http://www.facebook.com/cdsouthland/)

Other helpful sites: [www.getready.govt.nz](http://www.getready.govt.nz) [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz)

# HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

## Food and water for 3+ days

- Water (at least 3L per person per day) for drinking
- Water for washing and cooking
- Non-perishable food (canned or dried)
- A primus or gas bbq to cook on
- A can opener

## Emergency supplies

- First aid kit and medications
- Wind and waterproof clothing along with strong outdoor shoes
- Face masks
- Pet supplies
- Torch with spare batteries
- Emergency toilet- toilet paper and rubbish bag

## Emergency grab bag

Everyone in the house should have a packed bag in an easily accessible place which includes:

- Emergency water and easy to carry food
- Extra supplies of dietary requirements
- Formula, food, and nappies for young children
- First aid kit and medications
- Hearing aids with spare batteries, glasses, and mobility aids
- Face masks
- Toiletries- towel, soap, toothbrush, sanitary items, toilet paper etc
- Change of clothes
- Pet supplies
- Torch with spare batteries
- Important documents such as
  - Identification- birth certificate, passport, drivers license etc
  - Precious family photos
  - Financial- insurance and mortgage documents

For more information visit  
[cdsouthland.nz](http://cdsouthland.nz)



# HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY PLAN

COMPLETE THIS PLAN WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD



## Your Household Address

Name: Phone:  
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## If we can't get home or contact each other then we will meet at:

Name:  
Contact details:

Name (back up):  
Contact details:

Name (out of town):  
Contact details:

## The person responsible for collecting children from school and/or managing pets is:

Name:  
Contact details:

## Person responsible for checking emergency items and grab bags:

Name:

## Items will be checked and replenished on (check at least once a year):

## The radio station we will tune in to for local civil defence information during an emergency:

AM/FM Frequency:

## Friends and neighbours who may need our help or who can help us:

Name  
Address:  
Phone:

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:

## Considerations:

Do we know how to turn off water, power, & gas?  
Do we have emergency items and grab bags ready?  
Does anyone have any special requirements?  
Medication requirements?  
Any babies or young children?  
Do we know school & work emergency plans?  
Do we have cages or carriers to transport pets?

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS For Police, Fire, or Ambulance call 111

Local Police:  
Medical Centre:  
Insurance Company:  
Vet/Kennel/Cattery:  
Gas Company:

Water Supplier:  
Electricity Supplier:  
Electrician:  
Plumber:  
Builder: