



Media Release

Victoria State Emergency Service: North East Region

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Heavy La Nina rains for north east this week - prepare now

Flooding - stay informed

Monitor weather warnings, forecasts and river levels at the Bureau of Meteorology website, and warnings through VicEmergency.

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SES FLOOD STORM EMERGENCY 132 500

000 EMERGENCY
If life threatening call triple zero 000

La Nina is well and truly here, with a low pressure trough expected to drench the parts of the north east with up to 120mm of rain in just 72 hours.

This greatly increases the risk of riverine flooding, with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) issuing a [flood watch](#) for many river catchments in North East Victoria.

A statewide update will take place **tomorrow**, with VICSES and BOM to both speak about the incoming weather at 9:30am, Wednesday, 7 October at the State Control Centre (SCC) in East Melbourne.

In the meantime, locals are being asked to prepare their homes by cleaning gutters, downpipes and drains (ensuring they are not blocked), and checking VICSES' [local flood guides](#).

North east residents should also have an emergency kit ready, make a household evacuation plan, and when it comes to sandbagging know how to "Bag It, Block It, Lift It and Leave." Bags, sand, and heavy duty plastic sheet can be purchased from hardware, garden and rural merchandise stores now, and kept in a dry place and ready for a flood. Read more through [VICSES flood resources](#).

For the latest Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) updates, head to: <http://www.bom.gov.au/vic/warnings>

Call 132 500 if you require assistance from us during storms and floods, and always call Triple Zero (000) in a life-threatening emergency.

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Quotes attributable to Neil Payn, VICSES Acting Assistant Chief Officer North East Region.

“We’re not expecting to see homes inundated with the rain this week, but we are preparing for that possibility later in the Spring season. Now is the time to prepare.”

“Usually, 20 to 30 sandbags and about half a cubic metre of sand can minimise the damage to the average home if laid correctly in the right places to protect doorways, low windows, and drains.

“Sandbags aren’t the only answer, there are longer term solutions too, we see people in flood-prone areas design landscaping and gardens to form part of a flood protection plan.”

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