

Return with Caution



Low lying areas of Wagga Wagga (partial) Return with Caution

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The NSW SES advises you may now **return with caution** to the following areas:

- Lower Gardiner Street
- Mill Street

Note: An Evacuation Order remains for some low lying areas of Wagga Wagga.

Flood levels have dropped but you should take care when returning to the area as flood damage can be widespread and utilities may not be in service.

What you need to do:

- Drive slowly, plan your route carefully to avoid any flooded roads and allow extra travel time. Damage to roads, bridges or buildings caused by flooding and landslip may still exist in your area.
- Be aware of road hazards including mud and debris.
- Remain vigilant as there could still be water in low lying areas.
- Take care as local roads could still have water over them.
- Check in on your neighbours if safe to do so.
- Check on animals and livestock.
- If you are isolated and require resupply, contact NSW SES on 132 500 [or other established contact line]

If your property has been affected by floodwater:

- Make sure your property is safe before entering. Check for damage to windows, walls and the roof and be careful of potential dangers including asbestos
- Make sure the electricity and gas is turned off before going inside. Use a torch to carry out inspections inside buildings
- If power points, electrical equipment, appliances or electrical hot water systems have been exposed to floodwater or are water damaged in any way, they must be inspected by a qualified electrician before use
- Gas appliances and gas bottles that have been exposed to floodwater should be inspected for safety before use
- Wear suitable protective clothing, including boots and gloves when cleaning up
- Be aware of any slip, trip or fall hazards
- Never eat food which has been in contact with floodwater
- Only use clean utensils and personal items
- Have a supply of fresh drinking water

If you require the delivery of essential supplies due to being isolated or assistance with clean out, please call 13 77 88 and log your request for assistance.

For more information:

- Listen to your local ABC radio station for latest information.
- Follow us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/NSWSES>
- or visit our website at www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- Learn about your risk at www.ses.nsw.gov.au/your-risk/
- Check latest weather, warnings, rainfall and river heights at www.bom.gov.au/nsw/
- Check road closures at www.livetraffic.com.au or 131 701 or your local Council.
- Check in with your local council at www.clarence.nsw.gov.au
- Check disruptions to public transport at www.transportnsw.info/alerts or call the Transport Infoline on 131 500
- Contact your Local Land Services Officer for rural animal and livestock assistance at www.lls.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 795 299

For emergency help in floods and storms, call the NSW SES on 132 500. In life threatening situations, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.