



CYCLONE VAIANU

EVACUATION INFORMATION

**Whakatāne District Council recommends
you evacuate for your safety**

Due to the risk of landslides, storm surge, large waves and coastal flooding, we recommend evacuating from your property.

We understand you might feel nervous or anxious, but your safety is the most important thing right now.

No evacuation orders are in place right now, but coastal residents and those who live near steep cliffs are being encouraged to prepare now, including planning where they could go and packing essential items. We are sharing this information early so people have time to prepare calmly and safely.

Where should I go?

If you have friends or family who you can stay with further inland, and you're able to get there safely, please do so.

A dedicated Emergency Evacuation Centre will be set up at the Whakatāne War Memorial Hall for those who need it.

What should I take?

Ideally, you'll have your 'grab and go' bag ready. You'll need to remember these essential things:

- Items for children and babies - like formula, nappies and toys
- Essential medicines
- Photo identification (if you have it)
- Warm clothes
- Phone charger

What if I need assistance to evacuate?

Please ask for help from friends, whānau or neighbours in the first instance if you're unable to safely evacuate yourself.

How will I know if evacuation is mandatory?

If evacuations become mandatory and a State of Local Emergency is declared, affected properties will be door-knocked by NZ Police, followed with clear information on next steps.

Important contact information

PHONE 111 IF LIFE IS AT RISK

Stay updated on the **Whakatāne District Council website and Facebook page** and listen to **Radio 1XX or SunFM**.

Authorised by Local Controller Nicholas Woodley.

*To report flooding, damage to drains, or stormwater issues,
please call 07 306 0500 or log the issue online at whakatane.govt.nz/fixit*