

Protect Network Operations From Weather Events:

First and foremost, refer to the actions outlined in your Emergency Response Plan. After that, refer to the list below for some simple preparations to help you to provide continuity of service in the face of an impending weather event.

- Ensure standby equipment (generators etc.) is operational, fuelled and relocated to the most effective place for ease of deployment
- Target known problem areas for some “pre-cautionary attention” prior to event impact if possible e.g. inspect known fat blockage points/clear if necessary
- Consider implementing manual bypass mode &/or confirm automatic bypass mode operable for relevant sewer pump stations
- Ensure response crews are well equipped with the spares likely to be required for the most common emergency repair scenarios
- Liaise with treatment plant operations teams so activities can be coordinated to reduce overall impacts e.g. the Networks team may be able to manipulate sewer pump station operation to “buy” a few hours of holding time in the collection system to allow STP operations to complete effective storm preparation
- Locate a reliable and good-sized torch and make certain you have fresh batteries
- Charge up any mobile phones and make sure all RT gear is in good working order
- For Sewage: Clean pump station overflow screens
- For Water: Fill up storages and reservoirs and dose with Chlorine to 2 mg/L
- All: Lock down (bolt down) man hole lids
- Invest in a “Divers” Pen which allows you to write on wet paper/in the rain



