



CYCLONE RESILIENCE: HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST

BEFORE CYCLONE SEASON

Roof and flashings

Check flashings are screwed at correct spacing (≤ 500 mm) Add closed-cell foam under flashings Inspect roof fasteners for rust or looseness Ensure all rooftop penetrations (antennas, solar, etc.) are sealed

Gutters and downpipes

Clean gutters Cut or install overflows so water spills *away* from eaves Check downpipes/underground drains for blockages Ensure water does not pond near doors or walls

Walls and coatings

Check for cracked, chalky or aging paint — repaint if needed Replace brittle or cracked silicone around windows/flashings Inspect for signs of moisture damage or rot

Windows and doors

Check seals on all windows — replace worn seals Install sill flaps over window weep holes Ensure sliding window tracks are clear of debris Consider upgrading high-risk windows to awning/casement style Fit solid-core entry doors and ensure locks/latches are robust **WHEN A CYCLONE IS APPROACHING**

Quick window preparation

Tape a plastic sheet inside windows to form a temporary dam Close curtains/blinds (helps deflect spray) Move valuables away from glass doors and windows

Roofs and vents

Temporarily cover whirlybirds with heavy-duty plastic Close or seal any vents not rated against wind-driven rain

Walls and coatings

Remove shade sails Secure loose items that could damage windows Check patios, carports, and verandas are firmly fastened **AFTER THE CYCLONE**Inspect flashings for movement Check window and door seals Remove debris from gutters Note any leaks or weak points for future upgrade Arrange professional inspection if structural elements moved