

Hazards in Hatepe

EARTHQUAKE // STORMS // FLOODS // VOLCANIC ACTIVITY // WILDFIRE



Earthquake

The Taupō District is at risk of earthquakes. We can't predict when one will happen, but we can protect ourselves and our whānau.

Drop, Cover and Hold is the right action to take during an earthquake. Do not try to stand in a doorway – in modern homes, doorways are no stronger than any other part of the structure and usually have doors that can swing and injure you.

If you are inside, Drop, Cover and Hold – do not run outside. You should only leave if the building is showing obvious signs of distress.

If you are outside, move away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover and Hold. Stay there until the shaking stops.

Even after earthquake shaking stops, move with care as debris can cause further injuries.



Wildfire

Rural property owners face a higher risk of fire than city dwellers. If a fire starts it may not be detected as quickly and emergency services take longer to respond because of greater travel distances.

During a fire crawl low and fast to escape smoke. 'Get Down, Get Low, Get Out.' Shut doors behind you to slow the spread of fire. Once out, stay out - never go back inside. Meet at your planned meeting place or where you have been instructed to move to by emergency services. Follow the instruction of Fire and Emergency New Zealand and other emergency services.



Floods

Floods happen often in New Zealand and can cause damage to buildings and lifeline utilities, as well as injuries and loss of life.

Floods and flash floods can happen quickly. Put safety first. Don't take any chances. Act quickly if you see rising water - do not wait for official warnings. Head for higher ground and stay away from floodwater. Do not try to walk, swim, or drive in floodwater: even water just 15 centimetres deep can sweep you off your feet, and half a metre of water will carry away most vehicles.

If flooding is possible in your area be prepared to evacuate and keep your grab bag near.

Move pets to a safe place and move stock to higher ground. If you have to leave, take your pets with you. Turn off water, electricity and gas if advised to.



Volcano

New Zealand lies in the Pacific Ring of Fire, an area of increased geological activity. The Taupō Volcanic Zone includes the active cone volcanoes Ruapehu and Tongariro/ Ngauruhoe and two of the most productive calderas in the world (Okataina and Taupō).

Volcanic eruptions can produce ash which is hazardous to health. If ash fall has been forecast in your area if possible, go home to avoid exposure to, and driving during ash fall.

Move pets and pet water bowls indoors.

If you have respiratory or heart conditions, keep your relief and preventer medication handy, and use as prescribed. If you have any concerns, call your doctor.

Set up a single entry/exit point for your house.

Close all remaining doors and windows and entry points, such as cat doors and air vents. Shut down heat pumps and air conditioning units. Disconnect downpipes from gutters, disconnect roof catchment rainwater storage tanks from downpipes. Seal any openings in water storage tanks.

Cover any open gully traps or drains with a sheet of plywood or similar.

Stay indoors. If you have to go outside cover your nose, mouth, eyes and exposed skin.

More information about what to do during ashfall can be found here www.taupo.govt.nz/cdhazards-volcanic



Storms

Storms can happen any time of the year. A storm can bring strong winds, heavy rain or snow, thunder, lightning and tornadoes. Heavy rain from storms can see stream and river levels rise, leading to dangerous, fast-flowing currents which can cause flooding and destroy bridges. Heavy rain can also cause landslides. Storms with strong winds can fell trees and poles, tear off roofs from buildings, and cause flying objects. Storms can make driving dangerous. They can also cause road damage, power supply disruption and damage to buildings. As a result, storms can isolate communities and cut off communications and power supply.

During a storm stay inside. Don't drive unless absolutely necessary. Close exterior and interior doors and windows. Pull curtains and blinds over windows. Avoid bathtubs, water taps, and sinks. Metal pipes and plumbing can conduct electricity if struck by lightning. Use your water from your emergency supplies. Unplug small appliances that may be affected by electrical power surges. If you lose power, unplug major appliances.

Get Ready

In most emergencies you should be able to stay in your home. Plan to be able to look after yourself and your household for at least three days or more. Create a household emergency plan, assemble and maintain your home emergency kit for your home as well as a emergency grab bag in case you have to leave in a hurry. Visit www.getready.govt.nz for more ways to get ready for an emergency.

Stay Informed

Local Radio Stations

STATION	FREQUENCY
Classic Hits	FM 96.8
MoreFM	Taupō 93.6
Radio New Zealand	National FM 101.6 Concert 98.4
Newstalk ZB	FM 96.0
The Edge	FM 88.8
Tuwharetoa FM	FM 97.6

Antenno

For localised information download Antenno, Taupō District Council's free mobile app that sends you notifications and alerts about places you care about.

www.taupo.govt.nz/antenno



www.taupo.govt.nz

www.waikatocivildefence.govt.nz

www.facebook.com/CivilDefenceTaupo

USEFUL WEBSITES

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS



Face and dust masks



Radio with spare batteries



Wind and waterproof clothing, sun hats, strong outdoor shoes and safety gloves



Infant and older persons needs



First aid kit and essential medicines



Cash



Pet supplies



Multi-tool



Toiletries



Toilet paper and large rubbish bags for your emergency toilet



Non perishable food, can opener and water for drinking, cooking and washing



Blankets or sleeping bags



Torch with spare batteries or a self-charging torch

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Community Guide to Emergencies

GET READY

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TAUPŌ DISTRICT
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This plan

The community has worked with Civil Defence Emergency Management to create its own Community Response Plan.

The plan is designed to:

- ✓ Help you understand the hazards that exist in your area.
- ✓ Help you know what you can do to get ready.
- ✓ Help you know how you can stay informed during an emergency.

What to do

- If your life is in danger call 111
- **Stay Informed.** Listen to the information and advice from local authorities. Find website, social media and radio station information on the Stay Informed section overleaf.
- Activate your **Household Emergency Plan.**
- If you are near the lakeshore and feel an earthquake that makes it hard to stand or lasts more than a minute, move immediately to higher ground. Don't wait for an official warning. Long or strong get gone.



Hatepe - Taupō

This map shows a **potential** Community Led Centre at the Hatepe Pavillion.

Yellow lines with arrows indicate evacuation routes.

Image base: Google Earth / Airbus (2023–2024 imagery)



BOAT RAMP
IAPETA LANE

HATEPE PAVILLION
130 ARAPERA RD, HATEPE



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD
AT HATEPE PAVILLION

BOAT RAMP
RANIERA GROVE

TO TŪRANGI

VOLCANIC LOOP HWY

REREAHU AVE

VOLCANIC LOOP HWY

TO TAUPŌ

HATEPE

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AREA'S LOCATION IN A WIDER
REGIONAL CONTEXT

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Community Led Centres

A community led centre is a building or facility that the community uses during and after a disaster to offer shelter and support to affected members of the community. A community led centre is set up and operated by the local community response group, not Civil Defence or the local council. The following location in Hatepe has been identified as a **potential** community led centre.

Hatepe does not have any locations where food, water, fuel or first aid supplies can be bought, so it is important that each household gets their emergency kit ready now, to ensure you have everything you may need during an emergency. For information on how to create a home emergency kit see overleaf.

You can find the extended plan, with more information about how you can get ready now at www.taupo.govt.nz/community/civil-defence-and-emergency