

GAS CYLINDERS



Photograph Tumbulgum April 2017

Gas cylinder suppliers in our area offer the following advice to residents of flood-prone areas such as Tumbulgum.

1. Gas cylinders need to be securely fastened to prevent the connection being torn from the wall during floods.
2. The best way to secure a cylinder is to chain it to the wall around the bottom to limit its movement.
3. Unsecured cylinders will float, possibly banging against walls and damaging your property.
4. Provided that the cylinder is securely fastened there is no need to turn it off. They are sealed and householders can continue to cook with gas during flood if they are secure.
5. If your cylinders are not secured they should be turned off for safety. Fast-flowing floodwaters can rip connections from your wall. This poses a danger.

Your CAT strongly recommends that you should secure your gas cylinders to your wall with chains NOW before the next flood event.

GARBAGE BINS



Tweed Shire Council's Waste Management Department provides the following advice to assist residents in flood-prone areas.

1. Provided your bins are not too heavy it would be preferable if residents can lift them up onto verandahs out of reach of flood waters. This will depend on how full your bins are and individuals' ability to handle them
2. Alternatively, residents may be able to secure bins at ground floor level to posts and other house supports. However, please be aware that bins full of water are very heavy and will need to be firmly secured so as not to become loose and damage your property.
3. TSC appreciates that in flood situations time is limited and dealing with garbage bins may not be a priority.
4. Should you lose your bins during a flood contact TSC on (02) 6670 2400 after the flood has passed to request a replacement at no cost. Please allow time for this as there may be a high demand.