

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 515

Information for owners of flood affected properties

Purpose

To provide information to owners of properties affected by the flood events of January 2013.

Fact sheets for flood affected property owners

In January 2013, many areas of Queensland were subject to extensive flooding, causing damage to properties and buildings.

Building Codes Queensland has a number of fact sheets available on the Department of Housing and Public Works' website www.hpw.qld.gov.au to help homeowners repair damage to their properties as quickly and easily as possible.

These fact sheets include:

- [Repair of sheet metal roofs in cyclonic areas](#)
- [Repairing your house after a flood \(water resilient products and building techniques\)](#)
- [Tips for building and planning approvals](#)
- [Tips for plumbing and water use](#)
- [Guidance for homeowners: Installation of sewerage reflux valves on flood affected properties](#)

For more information about repairs to flood damaged buildings, call Building Codes Queensland on 1800 534 972 or email buildingcodes@qld.gov.au

Repairs to flood damaged plumbing and drainage work

Following the recent widespread flooding in Queensland, many buildings will have damage to their plumbing and drainage work.

Where plumbing and drainage work has sustained extensive damage and would normally require local government approval and inspections, the work can be undertaken as emergency work under the notifiable work provisions. Notifiable work must be performed by a licensed plumber or drainer, but does not require any local government approval or inspections. This will let people get their plumbing and drainage work back to normal as soon as possible.

Licensees must ensure they lodge a Form 4 – Notifiable work to the Plumbing Industry Council within 10 business days of completing emergency work. The licensee must also give a copy of the Form 4 to the owner or occupier of the property where the work was performed.

It is important to remember that all plumbing and drainage work performed must still comply with all relevant legislation, codes and standards. Local governments are able to conduct audits of any notifiable work that has been performed to ensure that it complies.

For more information about how to lodge a Form 4 to the Plumbing Industry Council, call the Notifiable Work Hotline on 1800 264 585 or email notifiablework@qld.gov.au

Contact for further information

Building Codes Queensland
Department of Housing and Public Works
telephone +61 3239 6369
free-call 1800 534 972
buildingcodes@qld.gov.au

If you have not received this Building and Plumbing Newsflash directly from 'Enquiries (BCQ)', you can subscribe via buildingcodes@qld.gov.au

7 February 2013

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this Newsflash is provided by the State of Queensland in good faith. The material is general in nature and before relying on the material in any important matter, users should carefully evaluate its accuracy, currency, completeness and relevance for their purpose. It is not intended as a substitute for consulting the relevant legislation or for obtaining appropriate professional advice relevant to your particular circumstances. The State of Queensland cannot accept responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, cost or expense you might incur as a result of the use of or reliance on information contained in this Newsflash. It is not intended to be, and should not be relied upon as the ultimate and/or complete source of information.