

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:notifiablework@qld.gov.au)

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