

Rural Storm Recovery Advice



Using a Generator

- If you use a portable generator, it's important it's used properly to keep yourself, your whānau, farm team, and others safe.
- Do not connect a generator directly into a cowshed or a building. It requires special hard wiring to connect and needs to be installed by a qualified electrician.
- Plug appliances directly into the generator.
- The generator needs to be located in a well-ventilated place with the exhaust gases funneled away from any internal or confined space. The generator must never be used in an indoor space where people are present; this includes areas such as an internal garage.
- The rating of the connected equipment should not exceed the rating of the generator.
- Remember to always use a safety switch (RCD) where the supplied equipment is outside or in a damp location.
- If you require a generator call the Welfare Team at the Emergency Management Southland by calling 0800 890 127 or emailing with your contact details, locations and requirements - welfare@cdsouthland.nz
- Further information is available by going to <https://bit.ly/43ufpPE>

Insurance advice

- Keep good records. Take notes and photos of damage.
- Lodge your claim as soon as you can, even though you may not have all the information.
- If you need to carry out urgent work to make your home and safe, sanitary and secure. Keep track of costs incurred and take photos as you go.
- Detailed quote for repair (Ensure your repairer includes a breakdown of the costs).
- Keep records of any costs incurred in relation to continuing your farming operations. This could include hiring a generator, purchasing additional fuel for the generator/s.
- If you need to throw any food or items out, take photos first.
- Talk to Environment Southland, your milk supplier if you need to dispose of spoiled milk.
- Information is available here from FMG <https://bit.ly/479H2Qp>

- Farmers and growers who are finding it challenging and want a confidential chat to contact the Southland Rural Support Trust on 0800 787 254.



- If you have questions or concerns about animal welfare phone MPI on 0800 00 83 33.

Food safety advice

- See our factsheet for more information - <https://bit.ly/4nt7xoS>

Biosecurity when using a neighbour's shed

- Move only essential animals and keep herds separate.
- Clean/disinfect gear and vehicles before returning home.
- Use your own personal protective equipment.
- Record all movements and contacts.
- Speak with your insurer and vet for advice.