



# GULF HARBOUR MARINE VILLAGE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

## Sept 2025

# **Gulf Harbour Marine Village Residents Association Evacuation Procedure Effective Date: September 2025**

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Tsunami and Storm Evacuation Strategies for Gulf Harbour Marine Village Purpose: To ensure rapid, safe evacuation or sheltering of all residents, tenants, visitors, contractors, and staff from Gulf Harbour Marine Village in response to tsunami or storm threats (e.g., cyclones/tropical storms), per Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) and Hibiscus and Bays ERR Plan (2024) guidelines.

## **1. Hazards**

- Tsunami (AEM 2024 Maps): Gulf Harbour is in a red shore/marine threat zone, requiring immediate evacuation to high ground (>20m elevation) for any tsunami alert or natural warning (e.g., earthquake >1 minute, sea withdrawal, roaring sound).
- Storms (Cyclones/Tropical Storms): High winds, heavy rain, and flooding risk power outages, structural damage, and road closures (e.g., 2023 Cyclone Gabrielle). Shelter in place unless evacuation is advised.
- Challenge: Inaudible Meerkat tsunami sirens; rely on EMA and other alerts.

## **2. Alert Mechanisms**

- Emergency Mobile Alert (EMA): Core system; broadcasts to all compatible phones (4G/5G, iOS 14.5+, Android 4.4+). No subscription needed; test in May 2026.
- Other Alerts:
  - Radio/TV (e.g., Radio New Zealand).
  - Emergency services PA systems.
  - AEM email alerts [www.aucklandemergency.org.nz](http://www.aucklandemergency.org.nz).
- Natural Warnings:
  - Tsunami: Evacuate immediately post-earthquake (>1 minute) or for sea anomalies.
  - Storm: Monitor weather updates; prepare for flooding/wind impacts.

Action: Register for AEM emails; ensure phones are EMA-compatible

[www.getready.govt.nz/prepared/ema](http://www.getready.govt.nz/prepared/ema).

### **3. Evacuation and Shelter Strategies**

#### **a) Respond to Alerts:**

- Tsunami: Act on EMA, AEM emails, or natural warnings; evacuate immediately.
- Storm: Monitor EMA/radio for shelter-in-place or evacuation orders (e.g., to Civil Defence Centre if flooding risks escalate).
- Marina: Evacuate docks to high ground for tsunamis; secure vessels for storms.

#### **b) Prepare:**

- Grab getaway kits (3+ days: 4L water/person/day, food, meds, ID, insurance, pet supplies, clothing, radio).
- Secure bins; turn off utilities if time allows (body corporate/fee simple owners).
- Tsunami: Evacuate on foot to avoid road congestion.
- Storm: Secure property (e.g., windows, outdoor items); prepare to shelter or evacuate.

#### **c) Tsunami Evacuation to High Ground:**

- Points (>20m): Bella Vista Drive (highest point), Gulf Harbour Country Club carpark (Civil Defence Centre), Gulf Harbour Primary School.
- Routes: Use pedestrian paths; avoid red zone waterfronts. Follow posted signs or “tsunami hīkoi” routes.
- Vulnerable Persons: Body corporates maintain registers; assigned helpers assist.

#### **d) Storm Response:**

- Shelter in Place: If no evacuation order, stay indoors, away from windows; check on neighbors (ERR Plan).

- Evacuation (if advised): Proceed to Civil Defence Centre (e.g., Gulf Harbour Country Club) on foot or as directed.

e) Assemble & Account:

- Tsunami: Gather at high-ground points; body corporates/free simple owners conduct roll calls.
- Storm: Account at shelters or CDCs if evacuated; use neighbor checks if sheltering.
- Report missing persons to emergency services.
- Marina/commercial properties maintain visitor logs.

f) Await Instructions:

- Monitor radio/TV for AEM all-clear (tsunami) or updates (storm).
- Tsunami: Do not return until authorized; avoid marina hazards (e.g., electrified structures).
- Storm: Follow AEM/emergency services for safe return or continued sheltering.

#### 4. Special Considerations

- Pets: Evacuate (tsunami) or shelter (storm) with cages/leashes; high-ground/CDCs have pet areas.
- Vulnerable Groups: Ensure accessible routes and helpers (ERR Plan).
- Tsunami Red Zone: Check address on AEM map [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz).
- Storm Preparedness: Pre-secure property; join resilience groups for support (ERR Plan).

#### 5. Communication

- Pre-Emergency: GHVRA distributes routes annually; body corporates post signs; free simple owners inform tenants within 7 days.
- During: EMA drives alerts; GHVRA relays via texts/emails.
- Post: All-clear/updates via EMA/AEM; debrief via GHVRA.

## 6. Contacts

- GHVRA Emergency Coordinator: [Insert name, phone, email].
- Emergency Services: 111.
- AEM: 09-301-0101, [www.aucklandemergency.org.nz](http://www.aucklandemergency.org.nz).
- Resilience Group: [hibiscusandbays@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:hibiscusandbays@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)  
(mailto:hibiscusandbays@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz).
- Tsunami Map: [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz).

Gulf Harbour Marine Village Residents are located inside the YELLOW tsunami evacuation zone. You should leave this zone immediately if you feel a LONG or STRONG earthquake or when instructed to by Civil Defence or emergency services.

### 1 Long or Strong, Get Gone

For a local source tsunami, which could arrive in minutes, there won't be time for an official warning. It is important to recognise the natural warning signs and act quickly.

If you feel a strong earthquake that makes it hard to stand or a long earthquake that lasts more than a minute:

- Drop, Cover and Hold during the shaking.
- As soon as the shaking stops, move immediately to the nearest high ground or as far inland as you can out of tsunami evacuation zones.
- Walk, run or cycle if you can to reduce the chances of getting stuck in traffic congestion.
- Take your animals with you only if it will not delay you. Do not spend time looking for them and if you are not at home, do not return to get them.

### 2 Get ready for tsunami

Find local tsunami information

at <https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/hazards/tsunami>

More information about how to get ready for tsunami is available  
at <https://getready.govt.nz/emergency/tsunami/>

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