

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE MEDIA RELEASE

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SES issues warning ahead of rain later in week

The expected rain due later this week across South Australia has prompted a warning from the State Emergency Service (SES).

The SES is advising residents to check that their gutters, downpipes and drains are clear so that stormwater can flow freely away and not back into their homes.

SES Chief of Staff Derren Halleday said: "This is a heads up for people to prepare their homes before the wet weather arrives."

"It's been a very dry start to 2019 so we know that leaf litter, twigs and other material will be blocking gutters, downpipes and drains," Mr Halleday said.

"This can result in significant damage to homes, especially if gutters overflow and the stormwater flows back into the roof cavity.

Mr Halleday said it was also important motorists drive to the conditions during heavy showers of rain.

"There is likely to be quite a bit of water over the roads. Combined with the dirt and oil already on the roads, the rain can result in driving becoming very hazardous," he said.

"It's important that motorists drive to the conditions, reducing their speed where necessary, and ensuring they leave plenty of space between themselves and the car in front," Mr Halleday said.

Mr Halleday said that SES volunteers will be on standby should residents require emergency flood and storm assistance.

"The best number to call for SES assistance is 132 500 or dial Triple Zero if it is a life-threatening situation.

For media enquiries telephone the SES Media Line on (08) 8211 6176

For SES response in floods or storms telephone 132 500.

If the matter is life threatening telephone 000

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