Be prepared. Be informed.

Make sure you have an evacuation plan in place, and your three days worth of supplies (including medicine). If you have a disability or are elderly, identify a friend or neighbour who can assist you to get out of harm’s way.

Have a ‘go bag’ ready in case you need to evacuate very quickly.

If at any stage you consider life or property in danger phone 111 immediately.

A go bag during an emergency.

Hazard in Opoutere

Be prepared. Be informed.

Make sure you have an evacuation plan in place, and your three days worth of supplies (including medicine). If you have a disability or are elderly, identify a friend or neighbour who can assist you to get out of harm’s way.

Have a ‘go bag’ ready in case you need to evacuate very quickly.

If at any stage you consider life or property in danger phone 111 immediately.

A go bag during an emergency.

Hazard in Opoutere

Be prepared. Be informed.

Make sure you have an evacuation plan in place, and your three days worth of supplies (including medicine). If you have a disability or are elderly, identify a friend or neighbour who can assist you to get out of harm’s way.

Have a ‘go bag’ ready in case you need to evacuate very quickly.

If at any stage you consider life or property in danger phone 111 immediately.

A go bag during an emergency.
Opoutere Tsunami Evacuation

Natural warnings

Local source tsunami
If you are on the coast and experience any of the following:
- Feel an earthquake that lasts longer than a minute or is strong enough to knock you off your feet
- See a sudden rise or fall in sea level or hear loud and unusual sounds from the sea
- Move immediately to the nearest high ground (PLAN A) or move inland as far as you can

Tsunami siren - Single tone sounds continuously for 10 minutes
If you are in a coastal area prepare to evacuate immediately. Check radio updates and your Red Cross Hazard app alerts. If the information confirms an immediate evacuation is advised, go as far up and as far inland as you can and keep listening to your local radio station for updates until you are advised it is safe to return.

If it’s long, strong, be gone

DO NOT RELY ON THE TSUNAMI WARNING SIREN as your only form of warning.

- Evacuate immediately. Waves can arrive in minutes or take over an hour.
- Take a go bag with enough supplies in case you can’t get home for seven days.

Distant source tsunami
These are made by very strong earthquakes on the other side of the ocean. You will know they are coming because Civil Defence will send public messages out telling you what you need to do, so there’s no need to panic.

If it’s far away, you’ve got all day

Where will you go?

Safe Zone
The white shaded areas are 20 or more metres above sea level and are the safe evacuation zones.
Walk to the white hatched areas when you feel the natural warning signs or are officially instructed to evacuate.

For more detailed information see www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/tsunamistrategy