

3 things you need to know to survive a tsunami

1 WHEN TO EVACUATE

The first tsunami warning is an earthquake

A tsunami could arrive 50 minutes after a major earthquake. Don't wait for an official warning to evacuate.

2 WHERE TO EVACUATE

Inland or high ground

Use the map on the other side of this flyer to plan your escape route. Regularly review and test out your evacuation route as routes will change over time. Make sure you have a plan B – following a big earthquake, routes may be blocked.

Think about your plan during the day. Will you be at work, school etc?

3 HOW TO EVACUATE

Walk or bike if you can

In a big tsunami emergency there will be crippling traffic jams. Most people should be able to walk out of the blue evacuation zone within 50 minutes.

With less than an hour's notice, emergency services will not be able to get you out in time. Make a plan with your neighbours, especially if you know they will need assistance getting to safety. More evacuation information for people with disabilities can be found here: www.tauranga.govt.nz/evacuate

Tsunami can arrive in several waves over a long period of time. That is why you need an emergency pack. You must be prepared to wait for many hours before the water subsides.

Tsunami warning signs

- Any earthquake that lasts **LONGER** than a minute.
- A big earthquake that is **STRONG** enough to knock you off your feet.
- Strange ocean behaviour: loud or strange noises, sudden changes in sea level or ocean drawing away from the shore.

If the earthquake is **LONG** or **STRONG**, you need to be **GONE**.

Blue zones

Evacuation zones are now blue

Bay of Plenty tsunami evacuation zones are now blue to make them simpler and easier to read.

Blue Means Go: in a tsunami warning, **Get Out of the Blue**

View more tsunami maps and FAQs at www.tauranga.govt.nz/tsunami

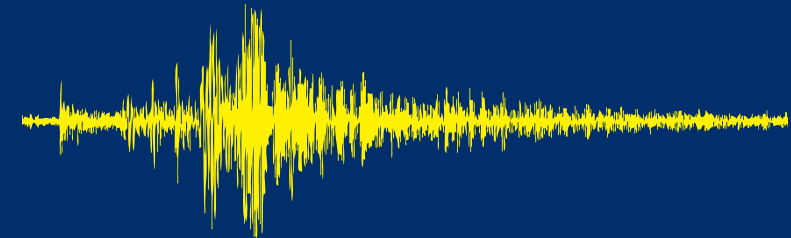
This information reflects our best knowledge of where a tsunami will flood, as at March 2026.



Tsunami

Evacuation Zones

Pāpāmoa East, Wairakei

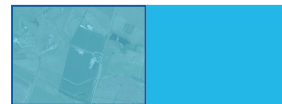


A tsunami could follow a major earthquake. Don't wait for official warnings. Use this map to plan your evacuation.



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TSUNAMI EVACUATION ZONE: Pāpāmoa East Wairakei



Tsunami Evacuation Zone



Waterway

Scale: 1:20,000

WARNING

Tsunami is a safety risk here.

The evacuation zone is coloured **BLUE**. In a **LONG or STRONG** earthquake **GET OUT OF THE BLUE**

- Go inland or to higher ground.
- Walk or bike if you can.
- Stay out of the blue zone. Wait for official updates.

A tsunami might be coming if there...

- is a strong earthquake.
- is a long earthquake, even if it's weak.
- are unexpected sea level changes.
- are loud and unusual noises from the sea.

For more information and updates:

- bopcivildefence.govt.nz
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- radio



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