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SES still busy after storm hits Perth and south west

More than 110 FESA State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers are still active and will continue to work through the night to assist the community after widespread storms swept across the state.

At last count the SES had received more than 180 calls for help in the metropolitan area since 7am this morning, 49 of these from the City of Stirling and 270 properties have been impacted since Friday night.

A further 46 calls have come from the south west, Great Southern and Goldfields, with 25 calls since 1.30am this morning.

There have been reports of fallen trees and minor damage to homes in Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River, Toodyay, Donnybrook, Gidgegannup and Northam.

The majority of calls have involved making temporary repairs to homes, fixing roof damage, removing fallen trees from homes, cars, fences and power lines.

With heavy rain expected tonight people should check their gutters to make sure they are clear, especially above downpipes to prevent flooding of their homes.

Be mindful roofs will be slippery and to check gutters with a ladder from the ground.

If the storm has toppled large trees or heavily damaged roofs that you cannot fix yourself, call the SES on 132 500.

SES volunteers respond on a priority basis and people are asked to be patient.

More bad weather coming for Perth to Esperance

People are being urged to take action and stay safe with more bad weather to come.

The worst of the front is likely to hit between 8pm and 10pm tonight, bringing dangerous weather that could damage your home and make travel unsafe.

If you live between Perth and Esperance including Mandurah, Geraldton, Bunbury, Busselton, Albany and Esperance you need to get ready.

The SES has these tips to help you and your family stay safe:

- Close your curtains and blinds, and stay inside away from windows
- If caught outside find safe shelter away from trees, powerlines, storm water drains and streams

- If boating, swimming or surfing leave the water

If driving, take extra care on the roads:

- Slow down, turn your lights on and keep a safe distance from other drivers
- If it is raining heavily and you cannot see, pull over and park with your hazard lights on until the rain clears
- If there is flooding, do not drive into water of unknown depth and current

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- People who have been affected by a storm and need help can call the SES on 132 500
- In a life threatening situation call 000
- For information about road conditions contact Main Roads WA on 138 138
- To report downed power lines call Western Power on 13 13 51
- For the latest weather information visit www.bom.gov.au or call 1300 659 213

More information about what to do before, during or after a storm can be found at www.fesa.wa.gov.au

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