

## **OFFICIAL DONATION CHANNEL OPEN – STORMS AND FLOODING: GIVIT coordinating donations and offers of assistance to help people affected by severe storms and flooding**

To help people affected by the severe storms and flooding across New South Wales, generous Australians are encouraged to donate money, items, skills and services online at [GIVIT.org.au](http://GIVIT.org.au). In partnership with the NSW Government, GIVIT is managing donations during this recovery.

With communities significantly impacted, homes left uninhabitable and many more with severe damage, GIVIT is working with the NSW Government and support organisations on the ground as they assess need and advise what critical and immediate material support is required.

GIVIT's NSW Manager, Scott Barrett, urged people to not send unrequested donations.

"Please do not bring unrequested donations into the impacted areas, or donations which can be bought locally. We want to make sure local organisations aren't inundated with donations they don't need, by encouraging people to donate the smart way through our website, [GIVIT.org.au](http://GIVIT.org.au)."

"100% of donated money GIVIT receives will be used to purchase essential items and services needed by people and communities impacted. To support local businesses and the economic recovery of affected communities, wherever possible, GIVIT purchases locally," said Mr Barrett.

Donations needed by people impacted are already being shared on [GIVIT.org.au](http://GIVIT.org.au). Essential and everyday items such as toiletries, food and fuel vouchers, as well as items needed in evacuation centres have already been requested.

"Residents have lost essential household items, furniture, whitegoods, clothes, work equipment and more. GIVIT is working directly with councils, outreach teams, local charities and community groups who tell us exactly what's needed. Then, we work to meet these needs through our online warehouse, or by purchasing requested items locally using donated funds.

"This way we provide households and people impacted with exactly what they need, when they need it most," said Mr Barrett.

To donate, or learn more about GIVIT's 'Severe Storms and Flooding' Appeal, visit [GIVIT.org.au/severe-storms-and-flooding](http://GIVIT.org.au/severe-storms-and-flooding).

Mr Barrett encouraged all NSW charities, services and community groups supporting people impacted, to register with GIVIT for free to access thousands of wonderful donations offered by generous individuals and corporates. Register via [GIVIT.org.au/need-help/organisations](http://GIVIT.org.au/need-help/organisations).

GIVIT is free, private and easy to use, and currently supports over 3,800 Australian organisations. More than three million donations have been provided through GIVIT's website since 2009.

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## About GIVIT

GIVIT is the smart way to give. Through [GIVIT.org.au](https://givit.org.au), we channel generosity where it is needed to support vulnerable people and communities in Australia.

Working with more than 3,800 support organisations, we ensure people get what they need when they need it most – whether recovering from an emergency event, or experiencing hardship due to circumstances such as drought, domestic and family violence, homelessness, disability, and mental health.

GIVIT captures all offers of goods and services online, removing the need for charities and services to sort, store and dispose of unrequested donations, saving valuable resources. 100% of donated money received by GIVIT to support people in need are used to purchase essential items and services. We buy locally, wherever possible, to support local businesses and the economic recovery of affected communities. GIVIT's operational costs are covered by government contracts and corporate partners.