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Aucklanders are advised to exercise caution as heavy rain is expected in the Auckland region on Thursday evening and through until around midday Friday. The areas of Auckland expected to experience the heaviest rains are Great Barrier Island and areas north of Whangaparaoa.

The MetService issued a severe weather warning for heavy rain from 7pm Thursday. This raises the possibility of localised flooding and rising rivers. Over the same period, winds, especially in coastal regions, may add to the inclement weather.

The Auckland Region Emergency Management Office is monitoring the situation and advises people in the effected areas to take the following simple precautions to minimise the impact of this weather.

At home:

- Check drains and spouting and clear any blockages.
- Ensure a torch, radio and spare batteries are to hand.
- Stay up to date with weather forecasts on TV, radio and the internet.
- Bring pets indoors.
- Report flooding to your local council.
- Limit non essential travel.

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Drivers are urged to take the following precautions:

- Check Transit's website before travelling.
- Headlights on.
- Drive to the conditions.
- Keep a safe distance from the car in front.

For more information please visit:

www.metservice.com

www.transit.govt.nz/road/

www.auckland.cdemg.org.nz

www.getthru.govt.nz

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