Residents urged to report damages related to most recent flooding

Snohomish County residents, farmers, businesses and municipalities suffering damage from this week’s flooding are urged to submit a damage assessment report to the county’s Department of Emergency Management.

The damage assessments will be used to determine and justify the need for possible state and/or federal assistance. Residents and business owners can file reports by calling 425-388-5088 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Online damage assessment forms at www.snoco.org will be available Wednesday.

“It’s important that people report their damages so that we can assess next steps and possible assistance,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

Residents with damages also can dispose of water-damaged household goods free of charge at Snohomish County transfer stations in Arlington, Everett and Mountlake Terrace and at the county’s drop boxes in Granite Falls, Snohomish and Sultan. The free collection will end Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

Residents first need to obtain a voucher before taking materials to the transfer station or drop box. A separate voucher is needed for each load. Drop boxes have a 5-cubic-yard limit per load. (A standard size pickup loaded level to the side rails holds about 2 cubic yards.) Commercial and business waste will continue to be charged regular disposal fees.

Vouchers can be obtained at the following locations:
• Darrington Sheriff’s Substation, 1115 Seeman St., Darrington;
• American Red Cross, 2530 Lombard Ave., Everett;
• Snohomish County Sheriff, Community Information, 4th Floor, Courthouse, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett;
• North County Sheriff’s Precinct, 15100 40th Ave. NE, Marysville;
• South County Sheriff’s Precinct, 15928 Mill Creek Blvd., Mill Creek;
• East County Sheriff’s Precinct, 14000 179th Ave. SE, Monroe;
• Stanwood Sheriff’s Substation, 8727 271st St. NW, Stanwood.

Individuals filing reports need to provide an address where the damage occurred, the amount and type of damage, primary and secondary insurance information as well as deductible amounts. All damages should be documented with photographs if possible. Damages also should be reported to private insurance providers.

Reporting to the county does not assure federal assistance, however it is a step in requesting federal assistance.

DEM staff is available 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to assist or answer questions. They can be reached at 425-388-5088.

Volunteers still needed for Point in Time homeless count

Snohomish County is still seeking volunteers for its Jan. 27 Point in Time homeless count.

The annual count is an important tool in the community’s efforts to assess the number of homeless individuals and families in Snohomish County as well as to determine ways of ending homelessness. Volunteers are needed for different parts of the county between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Data from the annual count is used to acquire funding for homelessness programs as well as to help understand how widespread homelessness is in Snohomish County and who is most affected.

“To end homelessness in Snohomish County, we must measure our progress and put a face to the issue,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer for a very important count.”

During the 2010 count, 2,362 individuals and 1,335 households were identified as being homeless. This count did not include another 115 incarcerated individuals with no identified residence upon release. Additionally, 854 homeless individuals, or 36 percent of the count, were homeless children under the age of 18.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a three-hour period during the Jan. 27 count. All training and materials will be provided at the sites.

Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

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- South County: Maria Bighaus, 425-774-9843 ext. 236 or mbighaus@ywcaworks.org;
- Central County: Kristen Cane, 425-293-0541 or kristen@hasco.org;
- North County: Nate Greenland, 425-347-6556 or nategreenland@housinghope.org.

For more detailed information about the PIT Count, contact Nate Marti at 425-388-3268 or nate.marti@snoco.org.

**Reardon, Rep. Rick Larsen tour Paine Field**

Reardon, Council Chairman Dave Somers and Rep. Rick Larsen recently toured Paine Field improvements with members of the Paine Field Airport staff. Snohomish County has partnered with its Washington Congressional delegation to provide funding for repairs and improvements at Paine Field, a necessity for the many businesses, including The Boeing Co., which rely on the airstrip. "We must maintain Paine Field for the thousands of women and men that work in our aerospace industry," Reardon said. "Making sure our Congressional delegation understands those needs is important."

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