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Snohomish County Residents Cleaning Up!

Everett WA, November 10, 2006 – Snohomish County Emergency Management recommends residents access information regarding floods, preparedness and clean up information at www.Ready.gov or www.FEMA.gov web sites. Much of the information has been translated into a variety of languages.

Also, preparedness information as well as both the field guide, “Creating a Healthy Home-A Field Guide for Clean-Up of Flooded Homes”, and video “Mold Clean-Up Guidance for New Orleans Residents Affected by Hurricane Katrina” are available for download at:

http://www.centerforhealthyhousing.org/html/healthy_rebuilding_in_new_orle.htm

These guides while designed for Katrina victims can be very useful to residents here in Snohomish County dealing with flood related issues.

For information regarding hiring a contractor to do emergency repairs residents are urged to use the WA State Attorney Generals Office web site www.atg.wa.gov where there is a list of licensed reputable contractors.

The Emergency Management Call Center taking preliminary damage assessments will be open over the weekend from 8:00am-5:00pm and can be reached at 425-388-5060. Emergency Management has also added an email address to send information to DEM@snoco.org. Residents are asked to include in the email: name, address, contact phone number, description of damage, estimated costs associated with the damage and if the loss is insured or not. The information provided is for preliminary damage assessments only and citizens will not be held to it as costs may change over the coming weeks.

WA State representatives will be coming out late next week to verify Snohomish Counties needs for additional assistance. The information received in the preliminary assessments will help guide the States decisions.

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