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Snohomish County: Residents, business owners urged to submit flood damage estimates by next Thursday.

The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is urging residents and businesses to submit their estimated flood-damage assessments to the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) by next Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006.

Federal assistance to county residents and business owners of flood-damaged properties will not be available until preliminary flood damage assessments from all affected counties are compiled and then submitted with the Governor's request to the President for a federal disaster declaration.

"Only when the declaration is issued, will federal aid become available in Snohomish County," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "We strongly encourage all residents and business owners to forward their flood damage estimates to our Department of Emergency Management by next Thursday, so that an accurate accounting of our County's property damage can be included in the Governor's request for federal aid."

"As soon as it is safe to access flood-damaged property, home and business owners should do a preliminary survey of all damage caused by the flooding," said, DEM Director John Pennington. "These assessments are very important and should be called into the DEM by the Thursday, November 16 deadline. Staff will be waiting to assist property owners with their estimated damages and answer their questions and concerns."

Property owners should call the DEM at 425.388.5060, with their assessments starting Friday, November 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, November 13 through Thursday, November 16, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Calls will continue to be accepted through Monday, November 20, however, only those assessments reported by the November 16, deadline will be included in the Governor's declaration to the federal government. Callers can expect to spend about 10 minutes on the phone.

Property owners are expected to provide preliminary damage estimates only. They will not be held to these estimates should the final repairs or replacement costs end up higher or lower.

To assist in the recovery process, flood damage victims are encouraged to document damage with photographs – videos are not accepted for documentation purposes.

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