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# Snohomish County residents asked to prepare for potential flooding

*Residents asked to heed weather service warnings as  
Snohomish County braces for another storm*

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The National Weather Service has issued a flood watch through 4:00 AM Wednesday for much of western Washington, including Snohomish County. A weather system containing large amounts of moisture combined with already saturated ground in the County has the potential to cause flooding late Tuesday and into Wednesday morning.

In addition, the National Weather Service issued a high wind warning for the area through Tuesday afternoon. High winds between 30 and 40 mph, with gusts of up to 60 mph, are expected. Residents are cautioned that the high winds and soggy soils may lead to toppling trees.

Localized and urban flooding is expected beginning late Tuesday afternoon. Large debris from prior weather events, such as downed trees, may be mixed with river waters and present a hazard to residents and property.

A flood watch means that conditions may be favorable for flooding, but that flooding is not imminent or occurring. Residents are warned to take proper precautions and be prepared to act quickly if a flood warning is issued.

“Snohomish County is working proactively with our local partners to be out in front of this event,” says Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive. “DEM is available to assist residents, and we are keeping a close eye on what is happening with our local rivers.”

Snohomish County DEM is monitoring local river conditions and will continue to update the County flood information lines. For the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Rivers, the number is 425-388-3653. For the Stillaguamish River, the number is 425-388-3702. Residents are also encouraged to monitor local media for updates.

Flooding information such as real time river levels, road closures and preparedness information can be found at the Snohomish County web page. Go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and type “flood” in the search bar.

To give information regarding flooding in their area, residents may call the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management at (425) 388-5060.