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Volunteers needed for flood cleanup events

Snohomish County Public Works and Emergency Management staff will help flood victims clear remaining debris from their property during two volunteer Neighbor to Neighbor Flood Debris Cleanup events.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, volunteers will gather at Stocker Fields in Snohomish to then go to various homes in the area needing cleanup assistance. Volunteers are needed to pick up debris from yards and homes as well as to remove vegetation from fence lines.

“This is a chance to gather together and show our neighbors the caring attitude that makes Snohomish County special,” said County Executive Aaron Reardon, who is scheduled to attend. “Many homeowners and property owners are still facing the difficult task of clearing their land of flood debris.”

Participants should arrive near 8 a.m. to register and receive supplies, including gloves, safety vests and safety glasses. Volunteers are asked to wear work, hiking or leather boots – no athletic-type footwear or open-toed shoes.

Work will continue until about 4 p.m. with a lunch break near noon.

The county also is planning a similar clean-up event in the Stillaguamish River basin area on Saturday, Feb. 14. Again, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., volunteers will clean ditches and bridge stands along Pioneer Highway and some homes.

Volunteers are asked to meet at Patty’s Egg Nest at Island Crossing to register and pick up supplies.

Sponsors of the clean-up events include Beck Disaster Recovery, Allied Waste, Waste Management, Starbucks, Alfy’s Pizza, Clean Harbors, Stocker Fields and Monroe Speedway for supplies.

For more information, contact the county’s Department of Emergency Management at 425-388-5060.

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