

## **Media Advisory – Dec. 30, 2008**

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### **Residents urged to report snowstorm damages**

Snohomish County residents, farmers, businesses and municipalities should begin reporting to the county's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) storm damages related to snow, ice and winds occurring between Dec. 13 and 26.

The damage assessments will be used to determine and justify the need for possible state and/or federal assistance.

Repeated near-record snow storms and record cold temperatures may have caused damage and impacts throughout Snohomish County as well as a number of its cities.

The county's Road Maintenance Division has plowed more than 100,000 miles of road lanes during the past two weeks with the help of about 160 employees who worked 12-hour split shifts, including Christmas day.

During that time, crews spread about 12,500 tons of sand and used about 850 tons of deicer on the more than 3,600 road lane miles in unincorporated Snohomish County. About 30,000 employee hours have been spent maintaining county roads for safe passage.

Residential, agricultural and business damages can be reported by calling the DEM office at 425-388-5060 or by filling out and returning a damage-assessment form found at [www.snoco.org/departments/emergency\\_management](http://www.snoco.org/departments/emergency_management).

Individuals will 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.

Snohomish County departments, municipalities and public agencies should complete and return PA-1/2 forms to the county DEM.

DEM staff is available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to assist or answer questions. They can be reached at 425-388-5060.

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