

## **Media Advisory – Dec. 26, 2008**

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### **County road conditions continue to improve** *Road crews have worked nonstop to clear county roads*

With temperatures expected to rise to the mid-40s and snow turns to rain during the next days, driving conditions on county roads are expected to improve considerably.

However, snow and ice melt may cause localized flooding and the collection of water on streets.

Snohomish County's Department of Emergency Management urges residents to be patient as road crews continue removing snow and compacted ice from remaining roads. Residents also are encouraged to check and clear clogged drains to allow for proper drainage.

There is no threat of river flooding within Snohomish County.

All weather- and road-related calls should be made to 425-388-5060. Calls for human services needs such as shelter or some food and medication needs can be made to 211. The 911 service should be used for emergencies only.

Since Dec. 13, county road crews have worked 12-hour shifts around the clock, including Christmas day, to clear major and minor arterials.

More than 160 county employees have cleared more than 50,000 miles of road lanes. More than 7,000 tons of sand has been spread across roads and when possible, road crews have applied de-icer to main roads.

This work has kept major roads open, allowing for vehicles to safely pass. All county trucks with plows, graders and sanders will continue to be kept on the roads as needed.

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