



**Contacts**

■ **Snohomish County  
Planning and  
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Services (PDS)**

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Hours: M, T, W, F  
8:00 a.m.-noon and  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Closed on Thursdays

■ **Snohomish County  
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*Please note that  
Snohomish County only  
provides floodplain map  
information assistance  
and not actual map  
determinations for the  
purposes of requiring  
flood insurance required  
under the National Flood  
Insurance Reform Act of  
1994. That is the  
responsibility of the  
Lender.*

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**Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)**

Snohomish County has Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) on file for your reference in making map determinations for any property within the unincorporated county area.

The County is currently engaged in a process with FEMA to update these maps. Both the current FIRMs and the newly-released Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Risk Maps can be viewed in the Department of Planning and Development Services (PDS), located in the Drewel Building on the county campus. FIRMs can also be viewed at a local Sno-Isle Library, or online through FEMA's Map Service Center by visiting [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and entering "Map Service Center" in the search box.

**LOMA and LOMR-F Map Amendments**

Small scale revisions to flood maps can be approved by FEMA following processes known as the Letter of Map Amendment, or LOMA, process and the Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill, or LOMR-F, process. Copies of LOMAs and LOMRs are available at Snohomish County Planning and Development Services, or online at FEMA's Map Service Center.

**Flood Hazard Determination**

PDS also offers a Flood Hazard Determination service for a \$206 fee.

The Flood Hazard Determination includes the following information:

- Information about whether a property is located within a FEMA-mapped Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) in Snohomish County.
- Flood insurance rating information such as FIRM zone, panel number, suffix, panel date, index date and regulatory base flood elevation.

**Elevation Certificates**

Snohomish County has elevation certificates on file for structures on some properties within the SFHA, and will provide copies upon request. For more information, please contact Planning and Development Services at 425-388-3311.

**Flood Studies**

Snohomish County also has flood studies available for portions of the main rivers. For more information, please contact Public Works Surface Water Management at 425-388-3464.

**Online Information**

Additional information is available online at [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), by using the search box on the county's main web page:

- For more information on FEMA's process and schedule for updating the Snohomish County FIRMs, type "DFIRM" in the search box.
- For information on development regulations, type "flood hazard permit" in the search box.
- To see an approximate location of a property in reference to the regulatory floodplain, type "permit planning and zoning map" in the search box. After you are in the map and have located the property, please make sure that "flood information" is checked on the left sidebar.