



## **Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management**

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### **Stanwood Residents Asked to Heed Flood Warning and Self Evacuate**

Everett WA, November 5, 2006 – West Stanwood residents in low lying areas are currently being strongly advised to self-evacuate.

The Stilliguamish River is expected to crest in Arlington around 10pm tonight at approximately 23 feet. Floodwaters are expected to reach the Stanwood area 6-12 hours later.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is monitoring Skagit River levees as a levee failure south of Mt Vernon will result in water from the north flooding Stanwood within 24 hours. Notice of a failure will be immediately communicated to Snohomish County and Stanwood.

Snohomish County Emergency Management is working with the City of Stanwood and Stanwood/Camano Fire Department on evacuation plans.

The Snohomish County American Red Cross has set up a shelter at the Stanwood High School, 7400 – 272<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Stanwood. Residents who do not have anywhere else to go can stay in the Shelter.

Camano Island residents may no longer have access to Camano Island due to flooding within the next 24-48 hours and are asked to plan accordingly.

Sandbagging operations for Stanwood is at Twin City Foods. Volunteers can go to the High School to help fill bags.

Stanwood residents can call the Stanwood EOC if they need assistance. That number is 360-629-2184.

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*The Weather Service is forecasting severe flooding and dike overtopping along the Snohomish River from Marshland Flood Control District and French Slough Flood Control District downriver to the mouth of the Snohomish early Tuesday morning.*