



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

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#### **UPDATE – Flooding in Snohomish County**

Everett WA, November 6, 2006 – Snohomish County residents are strongly encouraged to heed local weather service warnings regarding flooding on most Snohomish County rivers.

Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management Director John Pennington states “All of our rivers are at or near flood stage. The forecast models show moderate to major flooding on all major river systems in the Snohomish County area. Fortunately we have been leaning very far forward in anticipation of this event.”

The Emergency Management Department, in conjunction with Public Works spent Sunday pre-positioning sand and bags for use by residents at several locations within the County for residents to use should flooding occur.

The sandbag locations are: Darrington Fire Department, Oso Mill, Robe Fire Station, and Snohomish Fire Station on Maple.

Sandbags will be arriving at Sultan Old Duty Hall this morning.

If local residents are in need of sand bags they can go to one of these locations and fill bags for their needs. Residents should plan bring their own shovels.

The Skykomish River near Gold Bar is at flood stage 3, and will crest near around 4 pm Monday evening. The Skykomish River can cause major flooding from areas near Index downstream through Sultan. Swift flood waters may inundate Sultan roads and some residential areas around Monroe. Deep flood waters can potentially cover farm lands. Livestock should be moved to higher ground.

The Snohomish River near Monroe will rise to flood stage Monday evening, cresting Tuesday around 10 AM.

The Snohomish River at Snohomish will rise to flood stage around 5 PM Monday and crest around 4 PM Tuesday. Residents in this area can expect the Snohomish River to flood several roads, including the Snohomish-Monroe highway and low areas of the lower Snohomish valley that are not protected by levees.

The south fork of the Stillaguamish River is at flood stage, and is expected to crest at around 10 AM on Monday. The Stillaguamish at Arlington should reach flood stage at 6 AM Monday and crest by 10 PM Monday night. At these levels the Stillaguamish River overflows onto many roads in the river valley including Marine Drive, Norman Road, Hat Slough and several roads south of Stanwood. All livestock should be moved to higher ground.

The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management has activated its Emergency Operations Center with representatives from local and county agencies. The County has also activated its flood information lines. For the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Rivers the number is 425-388-3653. For the Stillaguamish River the number is 425-388-3702 and Surface Water web site for real time flood information is [www.co.snohomish.wa.us/PWapp/SWM/floodwarn/index.html](http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/PWapp/SWM/floodwarn/index.html) .

According to Program Manager Ed Madura “We are in contact with local communities and supporting their needs.” Madura went on to say “It is important for new residents to heed the advice of neighbors who have lived in the area for a while. If these people tell you it is time to get out, get out.”

There is an immediate need for experienced volunteers to help with sandbagging operations. To Volunteer call 4256-388-5060.

Emergency Management is looking for volunteers who may be available to help should sandbagging become necessary. If interested call the department at 425-388-5060

To give information regarding flooding in your area call Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management at 425-388-5060.

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