**WHEN IT FLOODS...**

Be prepared! Get details about flooding at kingcounty.gov/floodservices

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**BEFORE**

1. Know your flood hazard. If you were mailed this newsletter, your home or property is in or near a floodplain. Learn more at kingcounty.gov/floodmaps or call 206-477-4812.

2. Buy flood insurance. Standard homeowners insurance does not cover loss caused by flooding, and there can be a 30-day waiting period on new flood insurance policies. Learn more at floodsmart.gov or call 800-427-4661.

3. Protect yourself and your family.
   - Update emergency plans for your family, farm, or business and choose a meeting place in case family members get separated.
   - Know several routes from your home or business to high ground.
   - Use sandbags to protect your home or property (see inset map for free distribution locations).
   - Pick an out-of-state friend or relative to call with information if local lines are busy.
   - Arrange an evacuation plan (see below).
   - Talk to neighbors about flood preparedness, previous experiences, and any special assistance you or they may need.

4. Protect your property and pets from floods.
   - Move vehicles, equipment, livestock to higher ground and store valuable and household chemicals above flood levels.
   - Anchor and secure propane tanks and other fuel containers.
   - Install check valves in building sewer traps to prevent flood waters from backing up in sewer drains.
   - Never dump waste in storm drains; dispose of oil and animal carcasses in trash cans; and remove streetlights, gutters, driveways and other paved surfaces. Clean storm drains require less maintenance and help keep our rivers and streams clean for drinking, wildlife, and recreation.

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**DURING**

1. Don’t walk, wade, or drive through flooded areas. Turn around. Don’t drive.

2. If your vehicle stalls in a flooded area, abandon it as soon as possible. Walk back the way you came to safety.

3. Call the King County Flood Warning Center at 206-296-2020 or 800-945-2023 for information on flood conditions and forecasts.

4. Be prepared for an evacuation notice from authorities; if asked to evacuate, do so immediately. Follow recommended evacuation routes, as shortcuts may be blocked.

5. If you are unable to safely leave your home or a building due to rapidly rising water levels, call 911 for help. Then move to a higher floor or the roof. Take shoes, weatherproof clothing, a flashlight, a mobile phone, and a portable radio.

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**NEED HELP?**

Call 206-477-4812 if you need help building up a property, need to confirm your property is in the floodplain, or want to find additional resources for your situation.

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**AFTER**

1. Before re-entering your home, be cautious of potential personal injury, damage to your property, electrical shorts, and live wires.

2. Have a professional check your heating system electrical panel, outlets, and appliances safely before using. Call the gas company to have the gas turned back on.

3. Follow procedures for safe clean-up of household items, food, water supply, and property.


5. Mark the high water point in your home or damaged structure.

6. Pump out flooded basements gradually (about one-third of the water per day) to avoid structural damage.

7. Do not dump sandbags from sandbags into creeks or streams to plug potential future flood damage. Fill sandbags properly and check your local news outlets for updates on disaster assistance and registration procedures.

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**FLOOD WARNING APP**

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**Pump Station improvements to protect people, property, the environment**

The King County Flood Control District is making significant upgrades to the Black River Pump Station (BRPS). This pump station provides flood risk reduction to highly developed and vital economic areas of Renton, Kent, and Tukwila. The BRPS is a critical link in the Green River flood control system. The pump station serves as a dam to keep high tides and Green River floods out of nearby cities and communities. The BRPS also pumps floodwater from Springbrook Creek downstream to the Green River and works cooperatively with the levee system and Howard Hanson Dam as a critical component of flood risk reduction to the area.

Updates to the 45-year-old BRPS will meet current design requirements and ensure safe, reliable, and efficient operations. Work is currently underway to replace three pump engines which are used daily, and planning has started for evaluation and improvement of the existing fish passage system.

Reliable pump operations are crucial, 2,800 acres are at risk during a severe flood event, including 370 structures in Renton, 210 structures in Kent, and approximately 60 structures in Tukwila. Learn more: kingcounty.gov/BlackRiverPumpStation.

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**FLOOD ALERT!**

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**BUILD RESPONSIBLY**

Any development in the floodplain needs a permit. Floodplain management regulations make our flood-prone areas less dangerous for all who live and work there by reducing each development’s impact on other properties.

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**EMERGENCY KIT SUPPLIES**

More at: TakeWinterByStorm.org

- Battery or crank-operated radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid supplies and a whistle
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Copies of important documents in a plastic bag (id’s, insurance, bank information, and contact information)
- Several days’ worth of water and non-perishable food for your family and animals
- Warm clothing, sturdy shoes/boots, and blankets
- Personal hygiene and sanitation supplies
- Prescription medications
- Comfort items for children (blanket, books, toys)
- Cell phone chargers
**King County Flood Warning Center**

**206-296-8200, 800-945-9263**

**King County Flood Alerts**

- King County Road 247 Helpline: 206-477-8100 or 800-KC-Roads
- King County Road Alerts: kingcounty.gov/roadalert
- King County Emergency News Blog: kcmergency.com
- King County Flood Alerts: 206-477-4899
- King County Flood Warning Center: kingcounty.gov/flood
- Metro Transit Disruptions: kingcounty.gov/metro
- National Flood Insurance Program: 800-427-4661
- Floodsmart.gov
- Public Health Seattle & King County: seattlepi.com
- Septic Tank and Well Problems: 206-477-8050
- Take Winter By Storm: TakeWinterByStorm.org

**Emergency Flood Information**

- How to Prepare for a Flood: kingcounty.gov/floodservices
- King County Emergency Alert: kingcounty.gov/alert
- King County Emergency News Blog: kcmergency.com
- King County Flood Alerts: 206-477-4899
- King County Flood Warning Center: kingcounty.gov/flood
- King County Housing Repair Program: Funding for major necessary housing repairs to low-income, eligible homeowners. kingcounty.gov/housingskip

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- King County Flood Warning Center: kingcounty.gov/flood
- King County Road Alerts: kingcounty.gov/roadalert
- King County Metro Transit Disruptions: kingcounty.gov/metro
- National Flood Insurance Program: 800-427-4661
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**The 100-Year Floodplain**

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