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## Dealing with Two Disasters

CAMP MURRAY, WASH. – Washingtonians are currently dealing with two weather-related disasters—the flooding that occurred Nov. 2-11, and the recent wind storm of Dec. 14-15. Because of the time difference, the recovery process for the two disasters is at different stages.

- At the request of Gov. Chris Gregoire, President Bush on Dec. 12 declared the Nov. floods a disaster and federal assistance is now available.
- At the same time, a preliminary estimate is being made of damages to homes, businesses and public infrastructure from the Dec. windstorm by the affected counties and state government, so that Gov. Gregoire can determine if another request for federal disaster assistance is in order.

Whether they were affected by the Nov. floods or the Dec. windstorm—or both—there are several ways Washingtonians can do their part and, if eligible, receive assistance from the state's recovery process.

- For the **Dec. 14-15 windstorm**, home and business owners need to report damages to two places: 1) their insurance companies (if they have coverage) and, most importantly, 2) to their county emergency management agency where they are located (see phone numbers, below). Gov. Gregoire's expanded emergency proclamation for the windstorm included *every county* in the state. County emergency management offices will forward their damage reports to the Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD). Based on the damage figures from the counties, WEMD, in coordination with the Governor's Office, may begin the formal process to request federal disaster assistance.
- For the **Nov. 2-11 floods**, federal disaster assistance is available for victims in Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties. Homeowners, renters and business owners who suffered damage may be eligible for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Assistance from FEMA may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious storm-related losses not covered by private insurance. Low-interest disaster loans from SBA are also available for homeowners, renters and businesses of any size, and private non-profit organizations. State and federal disaster officials encourage people who may be eligible to register with FEMA. There are several ways to apply for assistance:
  - By calling FEMA's toll-free registration line at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. There is also a TTY line available for the speech- and hearing-impaired at **1-800-462-7585**. These numbers will be in operation from **\*5 a.m. to 5 p.m.\*** PST seven days a week, until further notice.
  - By registering online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).
  - Also, for the SBA Customer Service Line, call 1-800-659-2955 or go on line at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).
  - Also, the State of Washington has opened a November Flood Helpline. Please call 800-688-3469.

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Counties are now gathering **Dec. windstorm** damage information. Unless indicated otherwise, callers will be able to talk to a person or leave a message.

<b>TO REPORT DAMAGES FROM THE DEC. 14-15 WIND STORM—COUNTIES BELIEVED TO HAVE MAJORITY OF DAMAGE—HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE SHOULD CALL THE NUMBER BELOW.</b>			
<i>Your jurisdiction</i>	<i>Phone number to call</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Internet, if available</i>
<b>Chelan County</b>	509-667-6863 (Sheriff's Office)	You can also report damages at the county's website.	<a href="http://www.chelandem.org">www.chelandem.org</a>
<b>Clallam County</b>	360-417-2525	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Clark County</b>	360-992-9229	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Cowlitz County</b>	360-577-3130	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Douglas County</b>	509-663-9911	24-hour line (Sheriff's Office)	
<b>Grays Harbor County</b>	360-249-3911	8-4 M-F, after hours leave message or use web site	<a href="http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/EMD140.htm">http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/EMD140.htm</a>
<b>Island County</b>	See Note for specific location  8-4 :30 M- F	North Whidbey 360-679-7370 South Whidbey 360-321-5113, ext. 7370 Camano Island 360-629-4523, ext. 7370	<a href="http://www.islandcounty.net/gsa/des/StormDamage.htm">www.islandcounty.net/gsa/des/StormDamage.htm</a>
<b>Jefferson County</b>	360-385-9368	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>King County</b>	1-800-523-5044	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	Home & businesses only – No downed trees or power outages.
<b>Kitsap County</b>	360-307-5870	6:30-4:30 M-F	
<b>Kittitas County</b>	509-962-7525	9-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Lewis County</b>	360-740-1152	8-5 M-F after hours leave message	
<b>Mason County</b>	360-427-7535	8-6 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Pacific County</b>	360-875-9340	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1-866-798-6363	8-5 p.m., Mon-Sun	
<b>San Juan County</b>	360-378-4151	24-hour line (Sheriff's Office)	
<b>Skagit County</b>	360-428-3260	8-4 Thur-Sat, week of Dec. 18; Mon-Fri, week of Dec. 25	
<b>Skamania County</b>	509-427-8076	8- 4:30 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Snohomish County</b>	425-388-5060 (NW) 425-776-3722 (ESCA)	8-5 M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Thurston County</b>	360-754-3360	8-5, M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Wahkiakum County</b>	360-795-3242	8-5, M-F, after hours leave message	
<b>Whatcom County</b>	360-676-6681	8- 4:30, M-F	
<b>TO REPORT DAMAGES FROM THE DEC. 14-15 WIND STORM—COUNTIES BELIEVED TO HAVE LESS DAMAGE—HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS WITH SHOULD CALL THE NUMBER BELOW.</b>			
<b>Adams County</b>	509-488-2061	24-hour line	
<b>Garfield County</b>	509-843-3494	24-hour line	
<b>Lincoln County</b>	509-725-9263	8-4:30 M-F	
<b>Okanogan County</b>	509-422-7206	8 a.m. -- 5 p.m.	
<b>Pend Oreille, County</b>	509-447-1988	24-hour line	
<b>Spokane County</b>	509-477-2204	8-5, M-F, leave recorded message	
<b>Yakima County</b>	509-574-1900	24-hour line	
<b>TO REPORT DAMAGES FROM THE DEC. 14-15 WIND STORM—HOME AND BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES SHOULD CONTACT THEIR LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.</b>			
<b>Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Klickitat, Stevens, Walla Walla and Whitman counties.</b>			