



**FEMA**

# Disaster News

December 21, 2007

DR-1734-WA-015

**Joint Information Center Media Contact:**

FEMA/State News Desk: 360-486-5745

SBA News Desk 916-764-9917

## **KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES OPEN DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS**

**Lacey, Wash.** –The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) announce the openings of Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Lynnwood (King County) and Seattle (Snohomish County) on Saturday, Dec. 22.

Disaster Recovery Centers in the designated counties serve those affected by the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that began Dec. 1. Both DRCs will open Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and remain open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. until further notice.

**Locations for the two Disaster Recovery Center are listed below:**

<p><b><u>King County Disaster Recovery Center</u></b>          North Seattle Community College          9600 College Way, Main Bldg.          Seattle, Wash.</p>	<p><b><u>Snohomish Disaster Recovery Center</u></b>          Former Long’s Drug Center          3815 196<sup>th</sup> Ave., SW. Suite 109          Lynnwood, Wash.</p>
--	--

Seven other DRCs are available to serve residents of the designated counties.

<p><b><u>Clallam County DRC</u></b>          Forks Community Center          91 Maple Street          Forks, WA 98331</p>	<p><b><u>Grays Harbor County DRC</u></b>          Elma Fire Station          112 N. Second St.          Elma, Wash.</p>	<p><b><u>Kitsap County DRC</u></b>          Old WA DMV          4841 Auto Center Way          Bremerton, WA 98312</p>
<p><b><u>Lewis County DRC</u></b>          Yard Birds Mall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor          2100 N. National Ave.          Chehalis, Wash.</p>	<p><b><u>Mason County DRC</u></b>          Theler Community Center          22871 NE State Route 3          Belfair, Wash.</p>	<p><b><u>Pacific County DRC</u></b>          Pacific County EOC          300 Memorial Drive          South Bend, Wash.</p>
<p><b><u>Thurston County DRC</u></b>          Rochester Community Center          10140 Highway 12          Rochester, Wash.</p>		

-more-

## ***King and Snohomish Counties open DRCs p. 2***

DRCs provide residents an opportunity to meet face to face with representatives from state and federal agencies to find answers to questions they may have about the recovery process. People should register with FEMA before coming to the DRC. Some phones and computers are available at the DRCs for those without access.

Individuals can register for assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for those who are hearing or speech-impaired. **The FEMA application line is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time seven days a week, until further notice.** You can also register online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

SBA representatives are at all Disaster Recovery Centers to meet individually with each resident or business owner to answer any questions about SBA's disaster loan program, help them complete their disaster loan application and accept their completed applications. Anyone not able to visit a center should call **1-800-659-2955** for SBA assistance or visit the website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance).

*FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.*

*SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.*

###

Editors: for more information on the Washington disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or [www.wadisasternews.com](http://www.wadisasternews.com).