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# Disaster News

## **FEMA OPENS DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER IN LONGVIEW**

**OLYMPIA**— A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opens in Longview at the Cowlitz County Training Center on Monday, Feb. 9 to provide face-to-face assistance to people suffering damages from the severe winter storm, landslides, mudslides, and flooding from Jan. 6 to Jan. 16. Cowlitz is one of the 15 counties that have been designated for federal individual assistance in the Presidential disaster declaration of Jan. 30, 2009, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials said.

FEMA and the Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD) announced the following DRC location and hours:

**Cowlitz County Training Center (The Boat House)**  
**1942 First Ave**  
**Longview, WA 98632**

**Opens Monday, Feb. 9 at noon**

Hours of operation: Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (until further notice)

Applicants can register for FEMA assistance by calling, toll-free, **1-800-621-3362 (FEMA)**, TTY 1-800-462-7585, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, or register online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). Registration is available until March 31, 2009.

Visitors to the DRC will find information on:

- FEMA and State disaster assistance programs
- SBA low-interest disaster loans and how to complete the loan application
- Smart building techniques to reduce damage from future floods, and
- Flood insurance

When applicants register for FEMA assistance they will be asked: location of damaged property, their Social Security number, a phone number where they can be contacted, a general description of the damages and insurance coverage, and basic financial information to determine the likelihood of supporting an SBA low-interest disaster loan. The telephone interview takes approximately 20 minutes. People should only provide this personal information if they call the center, not if someone calls them claiming to be from FEMA.

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The following counties are now eligible to receive disaster assistance: Benton, Cowlitz, Clallam, Grays Harbor, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom.

### **Disaster Recovery Centers:**

Cowlitz County Training Center (The Boat House)

1942 First Ave

Longview, WA 98632

OPENS Monday, Feb. 9 at noon, HOURS Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 9-6

Westfield Capital Shopping Center

625 Black Lake Blvd., Suite 374

Olympia, WA 98502

OPENED February 6, HOURS Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 9-6

South Hill Mall (located near the old J.C. Penny's entrance)

3500 S. Meridian, Suite 940

Puyallup, WA 98373

OPENED February 4, HOURS Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 9-6

Evergreen State Fairgrounds

14405 179<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Building 501

Monroe, WA 98272

OPENED February 3, HOURS Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 9-6

Yard Birds Mall

2100 N National Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chehalis, WA 98532

OPENED February 2, HOURS Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 9-6

Auburn SuperMall

(Inside mall – opposite Sam's Club)

1101 Supermall Way, Suite 1157, 98001

OPENED February 1, HOURS Mon-Sat 9-7, Sun 9-6

*FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.*

*FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.*

*The Small Business Administration (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 nonprofit 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. For information about SBA programs, applicants may call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY 1-800-877-8339). Homeowners, renters and business owners with questions for the SBA should call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (TTY 1-800-877-8339). Homeowners, renters and business owners with questions for the SBA should call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955.*

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