



# Disaster News

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## DISASTER ASSISTANCE TOPS \$1 MILLION

**OLYMPIA**— More than **\$1 million** in federal disaster assistance has been paid out to help Washington residents recover from January flooding, announced officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD).

Homeowners, renters and businesses in King, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston and Wahkiakum counties have already received **\$1,032,937** since the Presidential declaration of Jan. 30.

"A total of 331 Washington residents in eight counties have received individual disaster assistance," said Federal Coordinating Officer Willie Nunn. "Along with our state and federal partners, the agency will continue our mission to help the people of Washington toward a speedy recovery."

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.

The following is a summary of recovery efforts as of the close of business, Thursday, Feb. 5:

- **\$1,032,937** has been paid out for disaster housing assistance to help with temporary housing and home repairs while people rebuild or restore their damaged homes or to help renters whose rental units were damaged.
- **944** individuals and households have registered with FEMA for federal disaster assistance.
- **507** properties have been visited by FEMA-contracted inspectors to document storm and flood damage.

As of Saturday, six Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) will be open. DRCs are established to help people without telephone or internet service register and to answer specific questions about disaster assistance programs, registration and eligibility. The following is a list of DRCs open now. **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO VISIT A RECOVERY CENTER.**

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**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

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*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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