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

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 206-477-4912.
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 800-427-4601.

REGISTER FOR ALERTS
Visit kingcounty.gov/flood to sign up for alerts for different river systems in King County.

BUILD RESPONSIBLY
Any development in the floodplain needs a permit. New construction, building repairs, additions, excavation, grading, fill, or any other change to your property must be permitted and follow the standards in your community’s floodplain management regulations. Any repairs or improvements to buildings in the floodplain that exceed 50 percent of their value are required to be elevated or flood-proofed.
Building responsibly ensures that people and buildings are safer from flooding. Floodplain management regulations make sure flood-prone areas less dangerous for all who live and work there by reducing such development’s impact on other properties.

BE FLOOD READY
Your Guide to Flood Preparation in King County

RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY KIT SUPPLIES
More at: Ready.gov/kit
- Battery or crank-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid supplies and a whistle
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- A copy of important documents in a plastic bag (driver’s license, insurance and bank information, identification, 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 medicines
- Comfort items for children (blanket, books, toys)
- Cell phone with chargers and backup batteries

FLOOD WARNING APP
Get your flood warnings from our free app! Download the King County Flood Warning App. Open your app and tap on “King County iMap" or call 206-477-4812.

MORE AT:
- Floodsmart.gov
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Floods threaten our lives during spring and fall. Be flood ready.

RESILIENCE STARTS WITH PREPARATION
A few days of steady rain. Rivers swell. Suddenly, weather that was simply wet becomes dangerous, and attention turns to safely evacuating people and barricading homes, businesses, and farms with sandbags.
It’s a scenario we are all too familiar with in Western Washington. The wet conditions that keep our region green can also cause flooding, erosion, and landslides. Our region’s rain-generated beauty also brings the responsibility to prepare for the unpredictable and ever-changing nature of water.
The King County Flood Control District invests millions of dollars protecting people, property, and livelihoods by reducing flood risks. Flood District resources and tools including the Flood Warning Center, Flood Alarms, and the Flood Warning App provide early and real-time flood information to safeguard people and property.
Reducing flood risks requires collaboration. To reinforce resiliency, the Flood District has built strong partnerships with King County jurisdictions, tribes, nonprofits, and state and federal agencies. Businesses and individuals must also do their part. Did you know that homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage? Go to floodsmart.gov to rate your flood risk, estimate premiums and find an agent.
Last year, King County experienced historic flooding. Together, we can be prepared for what the 2020-2021 flood season brings.

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**FEMA 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

The 100-year floodplain is the area expected to flood during a flood event that has a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. To find out if your property is within the floodplain, please visit kingcounty.gov/floodservices or call 206-477-4812.

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**How to Prepare for a Flood**

- kingcounty.gov/floodservices
- King County Road 247 Helpline: 206-477-8100 or 800-RC-Roads

**King County Emergency Alert**

- kingcounty.gov/madalert
- National Flood Insurance Program: 800-427-4661

**King County Flood Alerts**

- kingcounty.gov/flood
- Floodsmart.gov

**King County Flood Warning Center**

- 206-296-8200 or 800-945-9263

**King County Housing Repair Program**

- Funding for major necessary housing repairs to low-income, eligible homeowners.
- 206-263-9095

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**King County Floodplain Management**

- kingcounty.gov/floodmanagement

**King County Water Avoidable Costs**

- kingcounty.gov/water

**King County Natural Resources**

- kingcounty.gov/naturalresources

**King County Road**

- 206-477-8100 or 800-RC-Roads
- King County Flood Control District: 800-427-4661

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