

Washington State Flooding 12/11/2025

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Press Release on 12/10/25

"CAMP MURRAY — Governor Bob Ferguson declared a statewide emergency today following major flooding across Washington. That declaration is available here.

"I have declared a statewide emergency, and I will be requesting an expedited emergency declaration from the federal government today," Governor Bob Ferguson said. "We need the federal government to grant that request. This situation is extremely serious. The next few days are critical. I want to encourage all Washingtonians to listen carefully to alerts from your county and emergency management departments. If you receive an evacuation order, please follow that order. It's critical to your safety. Thank you to all the first responders who are in the field helping Washingtonians."

The state emergency declaration allows the state to seek federal funds for recovery. An expedited emergency declaration from the federal government will allow access to life, safety and emergency protective measures and additional federal resources.

Governor Ferguson has also activated the National Guard. Washington state is in regular contact with local governments, tribal governments and federal partners, including the National Weather Service, FEMA Region 10 and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The governor will be visiting impacted communities in the coming days.

Travelers should consult the Washington State Department of Transportation's real-time travel map: <u>Travel Center Map | WSDOT</u>

Sign up for emergency alerts here: Alerts | Washington State Military Department

Press conference photos are <u>available here</u>. Video is <u>available here</u>."

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Social Media Post 12/11/25 - Accompanied Reel can be viewed here.

"This is our director Robert Ezelle at a media event yesterday urging you to do everything you can to protect yourself and your loved ones in the face of some historic flooding. We're doing our part. Our state Emergency Operations Center continues to be active. We're working with the Governor's Office, the Washington National Guard and our local partners to make sure cities and counties have the resources they need during this time.

Here's how you can help:

Make sure you're aware of the flooding situation, not just where you live, but where you drive, where your kids go to school and where you work. Add your ZIP Codes at https://www.weather.gov/ to see if there are rivers impacted near you. If your neighborhood is impacted or could be impacted by floods, TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS. Not everyone is doing the research. Help your neighbors out. Let them know what's happening.

If you drive and you encounter road closed signs, don't drive around them. This is such an evolving event that some cities and counties may not be able to get signs up fast enough so if you see high water in a road, steer clear. A flooded road may have hidden dangers such as washed out roadbeds or underwater obstructions.

Make sure your wireless emergency alerts are TURNED ON. You may have turned them off because of too many AMBER Alerts or something, but now is not the time to have them off. Here's directions to help you:

https://mil.wa.gov/alerts#WEA

OPT INTO local government alerts. These are different than the wireless emergency alert systems and you may get MORE information such as road closed notifications and critical flooding information. Yes, you may have to set up an account with your county to do this. https://mil.wa.gov/alerts#local

American Red Cross

American Red Cross Northwest Region Chapter

1 (800) RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

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Red Cross Helping as Rivers Flood Washington State

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Open Shelters:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Mount Vernon

1700 E Hazel St, Mount Vernon, WA 98274 Skagit County

Evergreen State Fairgrounds

14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272 Snohomish County

St Matthews Lutheran

1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton, WA 98056 King County

New Community Church

21401 244th Ave SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038 King County

Meridian Habitat Park

14422 Meridian Ave E., Puyallup, WA 98375 Pierce County

St Johns Lutheran Church

2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532 Lewis County

Packwood Community Hall

12935 US 12, Randle, WA 98377 Lewis County

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United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211.

2-1-1 Washington State
Call 211 or Toll-free: 1-877-211-9274
Text "211WAOD" to: 898211
Home - WA 211

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

FEMA.gov

Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: <u>Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov</u> to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

Home | disasterassistance.gov

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: Search Your Location | FEMA.gov

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National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: https://www.211.org/

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.

Safe Travel USA

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National Traffic and Road Closure Information

National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration (dot.gov)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at https://www.liveandworkwell.com.

Helpful Articles and Resources

- National Institute of Mental Health
 Coping with Traumatic Events
 NIMH » Coping With Traumatic Events (nih.gov)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 "Coping with a Traumatic Event"
 Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event (cdc.gov)
- American Psychological Association
 "How to talk to children about difficult news"
 How to talk to children about difficult news (apa.org)
- American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
 Disaster and Trauma Resource Center (aacap.org)

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