Flood warning/watch information

King County Flood Warning Center

206-296-4535 or 800-768-7932

Staffed 24 hours during a flood to answer questions and provide information.

King County Flood Warning information line

206-296-8200 or 800-945-9263

Recorded flood phase information for area rivers.

King County Flood Warning System

www.kingcounty.gov/flood

Real-time flood gage data and flood phase information.

Regional Public Information Network

www.rpin.org

Sign up to receive updates on flooding and other emergencies.

National Weather Service Forecast Office

www.wrh.noaa.gov/sew/

Find out if heavy rain is forecast, and if the Green River is under a flood watch.

Social media

twitter.com/kcalerts

Sign up to receive updated flood information via real-time "tweets."

Green River Flooding ARE YOU READY?

www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans

Ongoing repairs near Howard Hanson Dam mean lower Green River Valley residents should prepare for possible flooding.

KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

King County

CITY OF AUBURN WASHINGTON

KENT WASHINGTON

CITY OF RENTON

City of Seattle

US Army Corps of Engineers Seattle District

This information is available in alternate formats.
Call 206-263-6550 or TTY 711
Printed on recycled paper. Please recycle.
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Green River Flooding
ARE YOU READY?

Prepare now for a higher risk of flooding

If you live in or near

AUBURN
KENT
RENTON
SOUTH SEATTLE
TUKWILA

www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans

Many homes, businesses and farms are in harm's way if the Green River experiences serious flooding.

FLOODING IN THE Green River Valley

Residents, businesses and farms below the Howard Hanson Dam in the Green River Valley should prepare now for a higher risk of flooding.

The higher risk is due to water seeping more rapidly through an earthen bank next to the dam after record high water last winter. Until the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) can make repairs, it must limit the amount of flood water it stores behind the dam.

If heavy and prolonged rain occurs this flood season (roughly October through March), many homes and businesses in the valley that don't typically see flood water—including parts of Auburn, Kent, Renton, South Seattle and Tukwila—could be flooded.

Evacuations in some communities are possible. Key transportation routes and transit service could be disrupted, and power outages and sewage back-ups are possible even outside the immediate flood zone.

Prepare now to help keep your family and property safe when the rains come.

Howard Hanson Dam Fact Sheet

www.nws.usace.army.mil/

(Click on Howard Hanson Dam Pool Restriction)

How to prepare for a flood

1. **Make an emergency plan** and assemble an emergency kit.
2. **Buy flood insurance now**; it takes 30 days for a policy to take effect. Review your current policy; a standard insurance policy will not cover flood damage. Contact your insurance agent or visit www.floodsmart.gov.
3. **Purchase an inexpensive AM radio** or NOAA weather radio with batteries in case of power outages for urgent news day and night.
4. **Monitor area news** media for information if severe weather is predicted.
5. **Listen for alerts about evacuation routes** or visit www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans for the latest evacuation route information.
6. **Monitor local road conditions** and obey closure signs.
7. **Take medications and supplies with you**, for those with medical needs.
8. **Be ready to relocate animals and livestock** out of harm's way.
9. **Minimize flood damage:**
   - Store valuables and electronics higher on the ground floor, on the second story or in your attic.
   - Store chemicals above possible flood levels; recycle them or dispose of them at the King County Wastemobile.
   - Ensure underground storage tanks are sealed and secure.
   - Learn how to use sandbags and locate where you can buy or get them (see next panel) ahead of time if needed for flood fighting.
   - Move vehicles and equipment to high ground before flood waters rise.
   - Keep storm drains free of leaves and other debris.
   - Know who to call and how to protect yourself if flooding leads to sewage overflows into homes and businesses.

Green River Valley Flood Safety

www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans

Flood planning and response

How to prepare for a flood
www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans

National Flood Insurance Program
888-379-9531
www.floodsmart.gov

Emergency sandbags (limited supply)
206-296-8100

Sandbag instructions
206-764-3406

3 Days 3 Ways
www.3days3ways.org

Take Winter By Storm
www.takewinterbystorm.org

Sewage overflows
www.kingcounty.gov/SewageSpills

Metro Transit disruptions
www.kingcounty.gov/metro

King County Road 24/7 Helpline
206-296-8100 or 1-800 KC ROADS

King County Road Alert
www.kingcounty.gov/roadalert

Hazardous Waste Disposal (house or business)
206-296-4692
www.govlink.org/hazwaste

American Red Cross Serving King & Kitsap counties
206-323-2345 or 360-377-3761
www.seattleredcross.org