



Whatcom County Sheriff's Office News Release

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Additional reporting options for flood damage Requesting assistance for flood-related damage is separate

WHATCOM COUNTY, WA – The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management (WCSO DEM) has opened two additional channels for those reporting flood damage, to more specifically record where damage has occurred. Damage assessment forms, available online, now specify damage to one's [residence](#), [rental property](#) or [business](#), including farms and commercial property.

TO REPORT DAMAGE:

Damage assessment forms are submitted by the WCSO DEM to help Whatcom County meet the cost-of-damage threshold to qualify for a [Presidential Disaster Declaration](#). The online damage assessment form is only to report damage; it does not trigger response or aid.

OPTIONS FOR REQUESTING ASSISTANCE:

To request flood-related recovery assistance, there are several options:

- Call Center (360/788-5303) – staffed with English and Spanish speakers 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (leave a message any time).
 - To request shelter and assistance with individual or family flood-related needs.
- Resource information for businesses, including agricultural – via Small Business Development Center [resource page](#).

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- Debris – flood-damaged debris can be brought to a temporary disposal site at 3010 Halverstick Road. The site is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily through Friday, Dec. 31 (closed Christmas) for flood-damaged debris. Cannot accept automobile, machinery or mechanical ruins. Phone (360) 565-6681 for more information.

- External agencies
 - [Samaritan's Purse](#) on-site through Jan. 22 (unavailable Dec. 19-26) help cleaning up flood damage and debris, free for those with little or no insurance. (360-303-3563)
 - [Team Rubicon](#) (on-site through Jan. 22, 2022) help to clean up flood damage debris
 - Red Cross – one-time assistance for families, individuals, casework, delivering cleaning supplies (800-295-3717)

- Sumas-specific needs, Resource Center at Sumas Advent Christian Church (125 Front Street) open Tuesday/Thursday 3-8 p.m. (dinner at 5 p.m.) and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (lunch at noon). Offers food, clothing, miscellaneous dry goods.

Those interested in helping to support recovery directly may contact the [Whatcom Volunteer Center](#) or consider donating to the Whatcom Community Foundation [Resilience Fund](#).

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