

Flood aware? Be prepared!

Get more details about flooding at kingcounty.gov/floodservices

BEFORE

1 Know your flood hazard.

Check whether your property is in a floodplain at kingcounty.gov/FEMAMap.

If you need help, or want information about elevation certificates, call **206-477-4812**.

2 Buy flood insurance. Standard property 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 **877-336-2627**.

3 Protect yourself and your family.

- Update your emergency plan and kit.
- Know when to evacuate and practice your route to high ground.
- Pick an out-of-state friend or relative to call with information if local lines are busy.

4 Protect your property and pets from flood hazards.

- Move vehicles, equipment, and livestock/pets to higher ground.
- Anchor propane and fuel tanks. Store chemicals and valuables above flood levels.
- Install check valves in building sewer traps to prevent floodwaters from backing up in sewer drains.

DO YOUR PART! Protect natural floodplains.

Natural, healthy floodplains slow runoff and help store floodwater, which reduces flood risk among many other benefits.

Never dump waste in storm drains; dispose of litter and animal waste in trash cans; and sweep sidewalks, gutters, driveways, and other paved surfaces. Clear storm drains help keep our rivers and streams clean for drinking, wildlife, and recreation.

DURING

1 Turn around, don't drown.

Do not drive or walk through flooded areas.

2 Check conditions on the Flood Warning App or call the King County Flood Warning Center.

3 Follow weather reports and listen for possible evacuation orders.

4 If you are unable to safely evacuate, call 911 for help. Move to the highest floor with your mobile phone and a flashlight.

5 Use sandbags to protect your property (see map for free distribution locations).

6 If floodwaters are approaching your building, turn off utilities at the main source if it is safe to do so.

REGISTER FOR FLOOD ALERTS

Sign up for free flood alerts to receive early warning. You can choose to receive alerts by **phone, text message, or email.** kingcounty.gov/flood

INSTALL THE APP!



Our updated app lets you track real-time gauge data, flood phases, and forecasts.

- **More reliable technology:** Get access to information when you need it the most.
- **Interactive graphs:** Explore flood data to learn about local conditions.
- **Additional languages:** View information translated by Google Translate.

AFTER

1 Don't enter your building until it is safe to do so. Have a professional check your utilities before using them.

2 Follow procedures for safe cleanup of your building, food, and water supply. Learn more at kingcounty.gov/PrepareForFlooding.

3 Document your flood damage. Photograph damage and record repair costs. Contact your insurance agent for flood loss claims.

4 Mark the high water point in your building.

HELP REDUCE FUTURE FLOOD DAMAGE

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 our flood-prone areas less dangerous for all who live and work there by reducing each development's impact on other properties.

Before starting a project, contact your jurisdiction's permitting agency or the King County Department of Local Services, Permitting Division at **206-296-6600** or go to kingcounty.gov/permits.

EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

More at: ready.gov/kit

- Battery- or crank-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid supplies and a whistle
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Copies of important documents in a plastic bag (driver's license, insurance and bank information, and contact information)
- Several days' worth of water and nonperishable 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



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BE FLOOD READY

YOUR GUIDE TO FLOOD PREPAREDNESS IN KING COUNTY

Hello!
You have received this brochure because your property is in or near a floodplain and is at risk of flooding.

KING COUNTY RIVERS MAP →



Chair Reagan Dunn

ARE YOU PREPARED?

As Chair of the King County Flood Control District (District), I am reminded daily of the power and unpredictability of our rivers. With flood season approaching, it's time again for our communities to come together to prepare. Taking proactive steps now can make all the difference in weathering the storm.

I'm proud of the District's leadership in protecting our communities through forward-thinking flood risk reduction projects and policies. We fund the operations, maintenance, and enhancement of more than 500 flood protection facilities, across 118 linear miles of riverbanks throughout the county. We update floodplain maps; conduct technical studies; elevate houses and businesses; help farms become more resilient to floodwaters; and enhance our flood warning systems to provide immediate information to help keep people safe during flood events.

The District is also actively engaging with national organizations and agencies to further our mission of protecting lives and property from flooding while fostering more resilient and sustainable communities. As a new member of the National Association of Stormwater and Flood Management Agencies (NAFSMA), we are working with experts across the country to adopt the best flood risk reduction strategies. Additionally, I am pleased that NAFSMA has invited us to present at two events to showcase our innovative efforts, highlighting the significant impact our local leadership is having on national discussions about reducing flood risks.

As we brace for another flood season, please take proactive steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. Understanding your flood risk, obtaining flood insurance, staying informed through flood alerts, and having a plan can make all the difference. This brochure is packed with information to help you prepare and respond to flooding. Please take the time to read through it to gain valuable insights and practical tips that can enhance your safety and the safety of those around you.

Together, we can safeguard ourselves, our neighbors, and our property. Let's Be Flood Ready!

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The Lower Russell Levee Setback Project exemplifies our integrated floodplain management approach; the project protects public safety while improving aquatic and riparian habitat and providing recreation and open space opportunities.

PROTECTING PEOPLE AND BENEFITING OUR ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, AND COMMUNITY

As our communities evolve, so must our approach to flood management. The King County Flood Control District (The District) is at the forefront of this evolution. We're putting people at the center of our efforts to achieve our vision of building a future to withstand flood risks where thriving King County communities and healthy ecosystems coexist in harmony with area rivers.

The District is implementing new approaches to infrastructure planning through integrated floodplain management. But what does that mean?

Integrated floodplain management enhances floodplain resilience to protect communities and ecosystems, honoring Tribal treaty rights and cultural resources. It supports regional values like agriculture, clean water, a vibrant economy, salmon and orca recovery, and outdoor recreation. The District focuses on multibenefit projects that reduce flood risks, ensure public safety, and restore river ecosystems equitably. It includes broader engagement from interested parties to implement more comprehensive actions over time.

This new approach was exemplified in April 2024 when the District released a final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Lower Green River Corridor. In the PEIS, three approaches to managing flood risk along the river were explored that would all substantially reduce flood risk in the Lower Green River Corridor while also providing other important community benefits such as enhanced habitat, additional recreational opportunities and open space, and economic development. The process involved robust participation from Tribes, local jurisdictions, agencies, interested parties, and members of the public.

As part of the engagement effort, the District worked with trusted community navigators who have local cultural and linguistic knowledge and relationships. Their important work secured over 2,250 community comments, in six languages, during the review process for the draft PEIS.

By putting people first and integrating floodplain management with environmental and community benefits, we are paving the way for a safer and more resilient King County. We will continue our community-centered approach to ensure that our flood risk reduction efforts meet the needs, values, and priorities of those we serve.

Together, we are building a flood-safe future where thriving King County communities and healthy ecosystems coexist in harmony with our rivers.

PHONE, TEXT MESSAGE, OR EMAIL ALERTS

Sign up for free automated flood alerts. You can personalize your alerts by river and flood phase.

NEW FLOOD WARNING APP

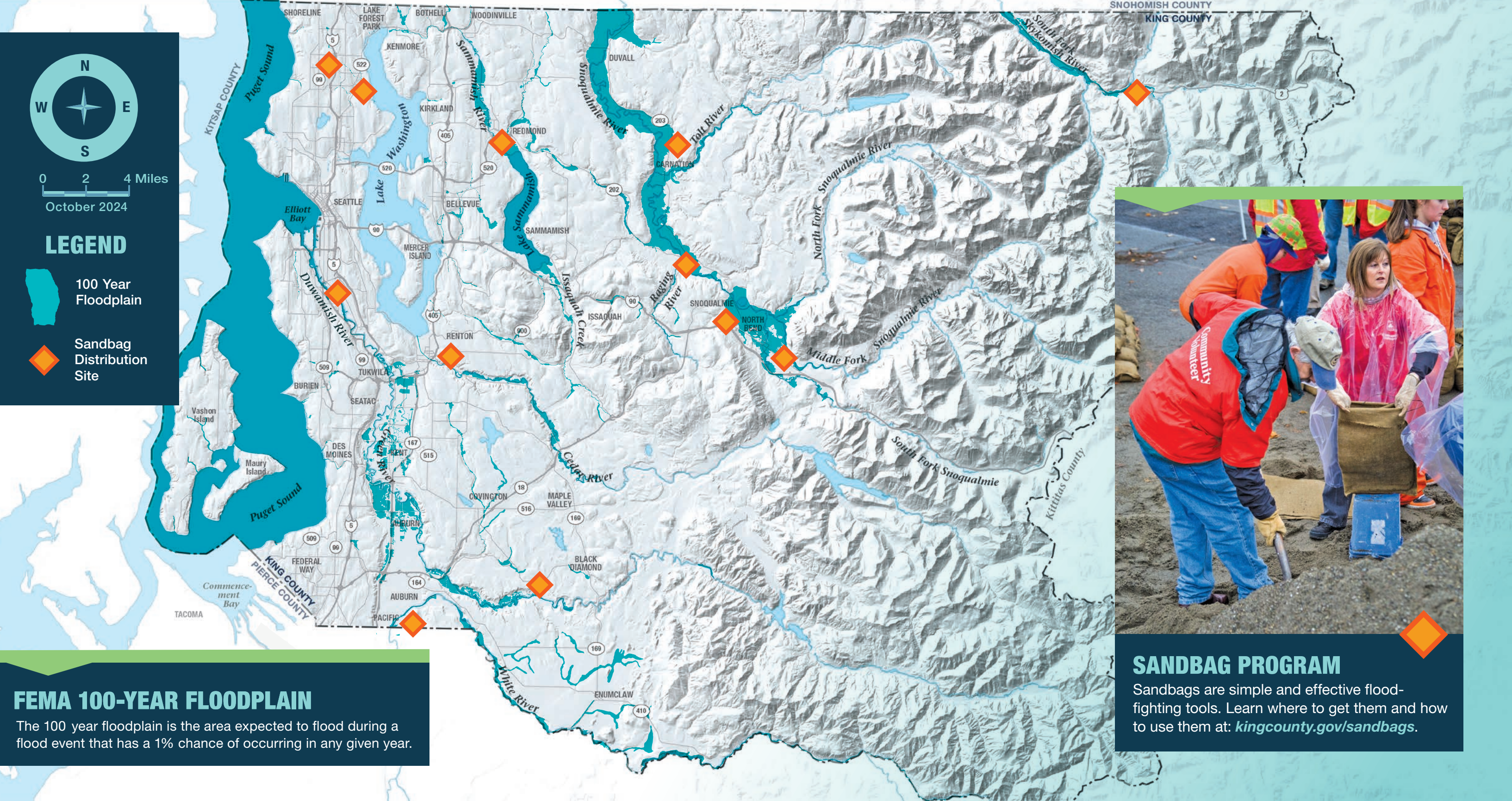
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- More reliable technology
- Interactive graphs
- Additional languages



Visit
kingcounty.gov/flood
or call
206-477-4899

KING COUNTY RIVER SYSTEMS



Visit Our New Blog!

kingcountyfloodcontrol.org/district-news

STAY IN THE KNOW

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- To Find Out if Your Property is Within a Floodplain kingcounty.gov/FEMAMap or call 206-477-4812
- How to Prepare for a Flood kingcounty.gov/floodservices
- King County Emergency Alert kingcounty.gov/alert
- King County Emergency News Blog kcemergency.com
- King County Flood Alerts 206-477-4899 • kingcounty.gov/flood
- 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 • kingcounty.gov/housingrepair
- King County Road 24/7 Helpline 206-477-8100
- King County Road Alerts kingcounty.gov/roadalert
- Metro Transit Disruptions kingcounty.gov/metro
- National Flood Insurance Program 877-336-2627 • floodsmart.gov
- Public Health Seattle & King County
Septic Tank and Well Problems 206-477-8050



SANDBAG PROGRAM
Sandbags are simple and effective flood-fighting tools. Learn where to get them and how to use them at: kingcounty.gov/sandbags.

HARD AT WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

The King County Flood Control District works to protect life and property from flooding while advancing equity and social justice, sustainable livelihoods, habitat protection, salmon recovery, recreation, and resilient communities.

370+ PROJECTS COMPLETED
to upgrade levees and revetments (fortified embankments)

OPERATING & MAINTAINING 500+
critical flood protection facilities across the county

118 + 800
LINEAR MILES of riverbanks
ACRES of land FORTIFIED FROM FLOODING

FLOOD PHASES

King County uses four phases to reflect river flood conditions. The higher the phase, the more water is flowing in our rivers and the more likely we are to experience flooding.

1 Prepare

No flooding typically occurs. King County staff are on alert.

2 Minor

Erosion, flood damage, and road closures are possible in some locations. King County Flood Warning Center opens. Staff are available 24 hours a day to help.

3 Moderate

Flooding of varied depth may occur. Multiple road closures, including arterials, are possible. Flood Patrol staff visit flood-prone areas and inspect flood control structures.

4 Severe

Extensive flooding with fast-moving water. Widespread road closures throughout river valleys. The Flood Warning Center remains open. Flood Patrol increases frequency of inspections.

Visit kingcounty.gov/flood for a detailed description of conditions at each flood phase for the South Fork Skykomish, Tolt, Snoqualmie, Cedar, Green, and White Rivers and Issaquah Creek.

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Para obtener los folletos traducidos de Be Flood Ready, visite kingcounty.gov/prepareforflooding. Si lo pide, hay traducciones adicionales y folletos traducidos impresos sin costo alguno para usted; comuníquese con nosotros al 206-477-4812.

Để nhận bản dịch tờ gấp Sẵn Sàng Ứng Phó Với Ngập Lụt, vui lòng truy cập kingcounty.gov/prepareforflooding. Chúng tôi cung cấp miễn phí các bản dịch khác và bản cứng tờ gấp đã dịch theo yêu cầu cho quý vị. Vui lòng liên hệ với chúng tôi theo số 206-477-4812.

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如需「Be Flood Ready (做好防洪準備)」手冊的翻譯版本，請造訪 kingcounty.gov/prepareforflooding 如果您需要額外的翻譯版本和紙質翻譯版手冊，請致電 206-477-4812 聯絡我們，我們將免費為您提供

Si aad u hesho buug-yaraha u diyaarsanoow daadka fadlan booqo kingcounty.gov/prepareforflooding. Turjumaada dheeraadka ah iyo buug-yaraha la daabacay ayaad ku heli kartaa si bilaash ah markaaad adiga codsato, fadlan nagala soo xiriir 206-477-4812.

Переведенные брошюры Be Flood Ready (Подготовка к наводнению) можно найти на трани e kingcounty.gov/prepareforflooding. тобы бе латно за росить еревод на другие языки или ечатный экземпляр е реведенной брошюры, звоните на номер 206-477-4812.