Green River Flooding

Plan now for travel

King County’s Road Services and Metro Transit divisions will help you stay informed and travel safely if flooding occurs in the Green River Valley.

Evacuation routes

If you must evacuate because of flooding, use the routes shown on the evacuation map on this Web site (visit www.kingcounty.gov/roads and click on the thumbnail map). These routes are also marked with signs. Road Services, local cities and the state planned these routes, which lead out of the valley to higher ground.

During a flood, traffic signals might not work, so approach intersections cautiously. If a traffic signal is dark, treat the intersection as a four-way stop. Road Services has installed reflective “backplates” to help you see darkened traffic signals on county roads.

County road closures

Road Services crews will monitor roads outside city limits and close them if flooding makes them dangerous.

Do not drive through standing water or around “Road Closed” signs. That is how most lives are lost during floods. Floodwater might hide fallen trees or other large debris, downed power lines, and raw sewage or other contaminants.

Flooding roads could be under water for several weeks. County road crews will not reopen roads until they have inspected them, cleared debris, and made repairs. The county will reopen roads in order of their importance for moving people, goods and emergency services.

In some cases, the county will allow temporary use of closed roads so people can check their homes and businesses.

The Washington State Department of Transportation is responsible for highways and freeways. Cities are responsible for roads inside city limits.

Flood routes for buses

Flooding in the Green River Valley could affect more than 30 Metro bus routes in Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila. Flooding could also have an impact on Sound Transit’s train and bus service, Kent Station and Tukwila Sounder Station.

Metro has plans to reroute bus routes that might be affected by flooding. Some bus routes could be suspended if most of the area where they travel is flooded. Buses from suspended routes would be moved to routes that are still operating.

Act now – stay informed

Sign up for flood alerts and evacuation notices.

- Sign up for King County Flood Alerts at www.kingcounty.gov/flood.
- Call your city’s emergency management office, or visit them online, to register for evacuation alert phone calls.
- Sign up for regional alerts and information at www.rpin.org.

Road information

- Sign up for King County and WSDOT road alerts and view a road alert map at www.kingcounty.gov/roadalert.
- Know where you will go if you must evacuate. Become familiar with evacuation routes you could use, and try them out. Keep a copy of this brochure and evacuation map in your vehicle.
- Keep emergency supplies in your vehicle and plenty of gas in the tank.

Transit information

- Sign up for Metro Transit Alerts about changes to your bus route at www.kingcounty.gov/metro/signup.
- Bookmark the Metro Online Alerts Center—www.kingcounty.gov/metro/alerts. The Alerts Center will list changes to Metro bus service because of flooding and will have links to reroute maps.
- Save the Metro Customer Information number—206-553-3000. Call if you need assistance from a customer information specialist. Interpreters are available.
- Find out about the planned flood reroute for your Metro bus at metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rr/flood.html.
- Subscribe to Sound Transit’s e-mail alert system at www.soundtransit.org/subscribe, or call 1-888-889-6368 (TTY Relay: 711) to hear recorded information.
- Plan alternative bus routes or other travel options in case your bus route becomes unavailable. Service will continue at major park-and-rides in the I-5 corridor.
Additional resources

King County flood preparedness Web site
www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans

Regional Public Information Network
www.rpin.org
Sign up to receive updates on flooding and other emergencies

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.

King County Flood Warning System
www.kingcounty.gov/flood
Real-time flood gauge data and flood phase information

WSDOT and city Web sites

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is responsible for state highways and interstate freeways in Washington. Cities maintain roads within their jurisdictions—including state highways when a city has more than 25,000 residents.

WSDOT - www.wsdot.wa.gov/northwest/greenriver

City of Auburn - www.auburnwa.gov

City of Kent - www.ci.kent.wa.us

City of Renton - www.rentonwa.gov

City of Seattle - www.seattle.gov

City of Tukwila - www.ci.tukwila.wa.us

This publication is available in alternate formats upon request. Please call 206-263-5277 (TTY Relay: 711).
Green River flood evacuation routes

Green River rutas de evacuación

GREEN RIVER FLOOD EVACUATION ROUTES
GREEN RIVER RUTAS DE EVACUACIÓN

- Unincorporated King County evacuation routes
- Rutas de evacuación de zonas no incorporadas del Condado King
- Evacuation routes in cities
- Rutas de evacuación en ciudades
- WSDOT evacuation routes
- Rutas de evacuación del WSDOT
- WSDOT / city coordinated evacuation routes
- Rutas de evacuación coordinadas por el WSDOT / la ciudad

Street  Calle
Green River  Green River
Cities  Ciudades
Park-and-ride  Park-and-Rides (Sistemas de estacionamiento combinado con transporte público)

Howard Hanson Dam

Green River

King County

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Scale: 0.5 miles (0.8 km)

Green River Flood Evacuation Routes Map

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