

# GET PREPARED

## MAKE A PLAN

- Know the hazards that exist in your area and how they affect you.
- Have an evacuation and communications plan in place so everyone in your family knows what to do and where to go.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance. Flood losses are not covered under homeowners' insurance policies. Flood insurance is available whether the building is in or out of an identified flood-prone area.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio with battery backup, tone alert feature and S.A.M.E. technology which automatically alerts you when a **watch** or **warning** is issued.
- Know how to shut off electricity, gas and water at main switches and valves.
- Keep insurance policies, deeds, property records and other important papers together in a safe place away from your home.
- Keep fuel in your vehicle.
- Have a plan for your pets.

## BUILD A KIT

■ What do you need for yourself and your family if emergency responders can't help you during a disaster? A minimum three-day survival kit is a basic tool for providing peace of mind, comfort, and survival needs during a disaster. Store at least one kit at home, in the car, at work, and at each child's school or daycare facility. You can buy starter kits or put one together yourself. If you buy a kit, remember to customize it to fit your needs. You may need extra items for children or pets. Below you will find a checklist of items that you may want to include in your disaster kit.

## DISASTER STARTER KIT CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water - at least 1 gallon of water per person per day                                | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food for each family member for at least 3 days                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and batteries   | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leather gloves  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery powered radio  | <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NOAA weather radio   | <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important documents, identification, insurance policies, birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper and pen   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications  | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency out-of-area contact phone numbers   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools - utility knife, pliers, crescent wrench, pry bar                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Special needs items- eye glasses, walking cane, infant supplies, pet supplies, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothing, sturdy shoes, and rain gear   | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment items - deck of cards, book, etc.                                     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash  |

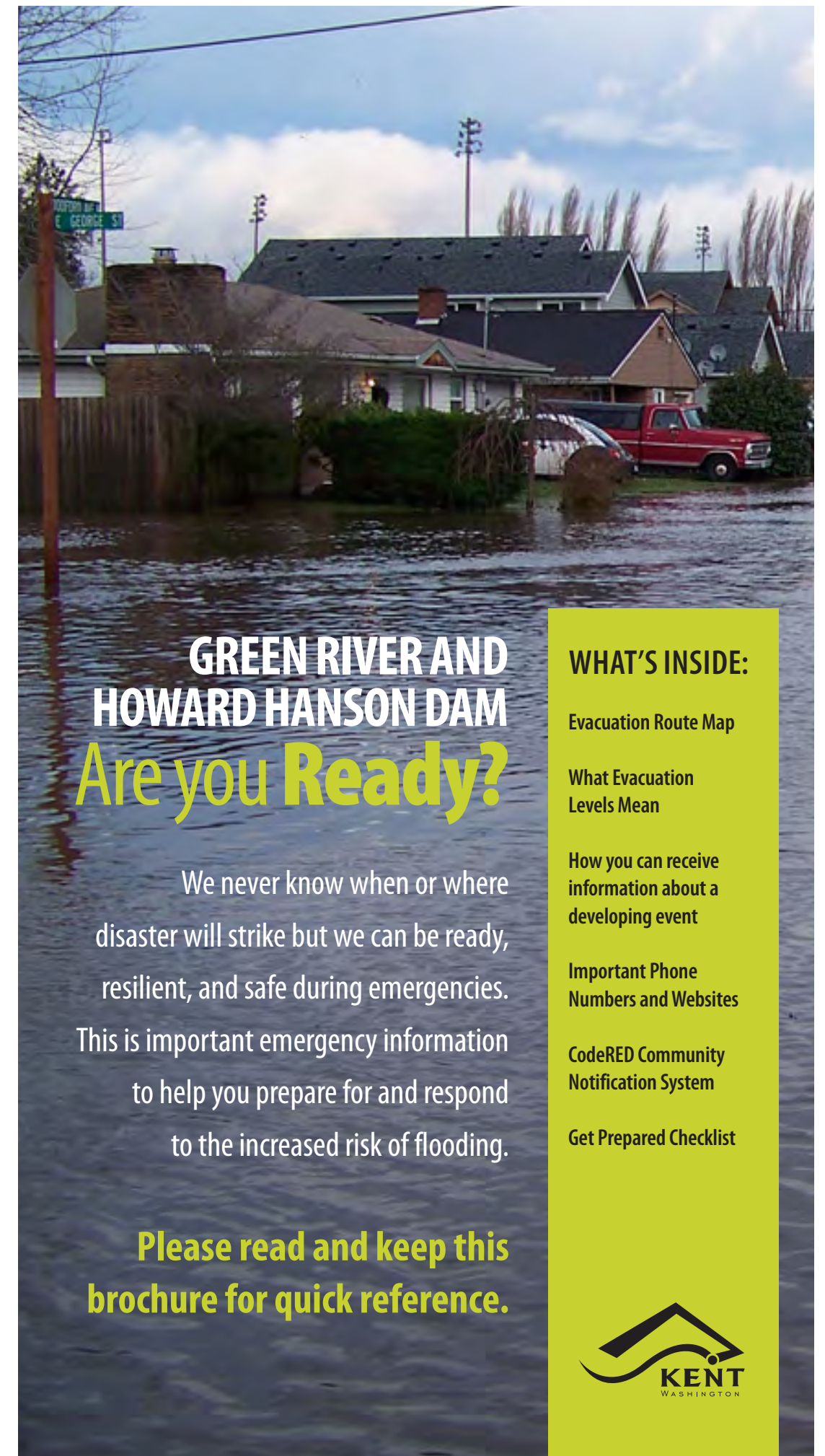
## GET INVOLVED

- Attend trainings and get involved with your neighbors and community.
- Learn CPR and First Aid.
- Take Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.
- Talk with your family and neighbors about preparing for and responding to emergencies in your neighborhood.



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## GREEN RIVER AND HOWARD HANSON DAM Are you Ready?

We never know when or where disaster will strike but we can be ready, resilient, and safe during emergencies. This is important emergency information to help you prepare for and respond to the increased risk of flooding.

**Please read and keep this brochure for quick reference.**

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

Evacuation Route Map

What Evacuation Levels Mean

How you can receive information about a developing event

Important Phone Numbers and Websites

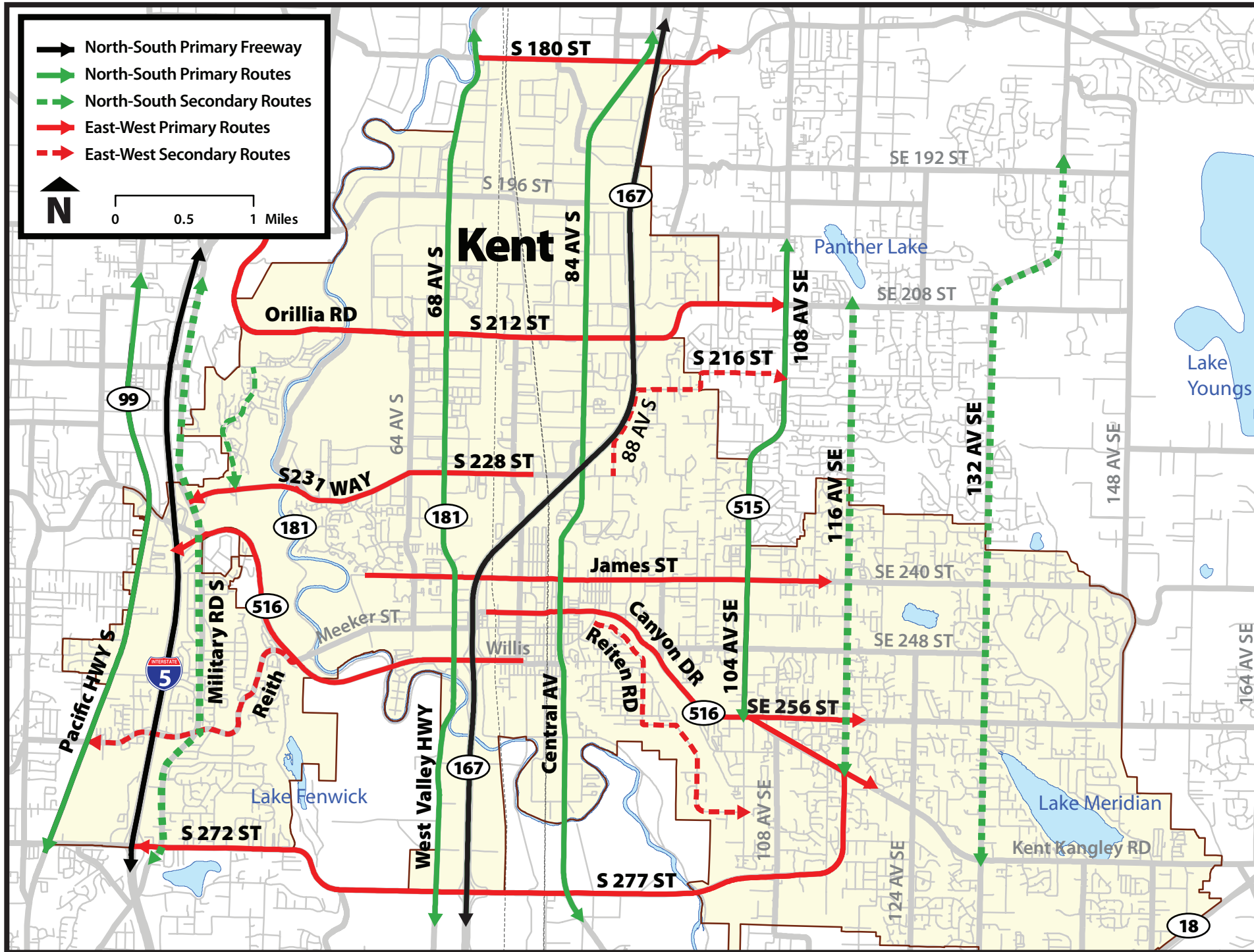
CodeRED Community Notification System

Get Prepared Checklist



# EVACUATION

This evacuation plan is for **ALL EMERGENCIES**. In the case of a flood emergency, Specific information about the best evacuation routes will be made available.



## KENT PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES

During a flood or the possibility of a flood, you may be asked to evacuate your home. Evacuation means leaving your home and going to a safe area. Talk with your household now and make a plan for evacuation.

- Learn the local evacuation routes. You should know more than one route to leave your neighborhood and get to safety.
- Plan where you will go. Do you have family or friends outside the area you could stay with?
- If you do not own a car, make transportation arrangements with family or friends.
- Keep fuel in your car if evacuation appears likely.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit: Include a battery powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, food, water, and clothing.
- If you evacuate take supplies with you, including insurance, financial records and other important paperwork. If possible take important valuables and treasured items like photographs.

**TO AID EMERGENCY RESPONDERS:**  
If you evacuate your home, leave a note with your name and telephone number at the top/center of your front door or a window where it can be easily seen.

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

- Flood Planning and Response:** [www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans](http://www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans)
- National Flood Insurance:** [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov)  
1-888-379-9531
- Family Disaster Preparedness:** [www.3days3ways.org](http://www.3days3ways.org)
- Real-time River Gage Readings:** [www.kingcounty.gov/flood](http://www.kingcounty.gov/flood)  
1-800-945-9263
- Kent Emergency Management:** [www.choosekent.com](http://www.choosekent.com)  
253-856-4440  
(follow links to Emergency Management)

### HOW YOU CAN RECEIVE INFORMATION

- [www.choosekent.com](http://www.choosekent.com)
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) Announcement
- KentTV21 on Comcast Cable
- NOAA Tone Alert Weather Radio
- Television news broadcasts
- AM/FM radio broadcasts
- Kent Travelers Radio 1650 AM
- CodeRED Community Alert System
- Regional Public Information Network: [www.rpin.org](http://www.rpin.org)
- [www.twitter.com/kcalerts](https://twitter.com/kcalerts)
- Last resort...Door to door announcements

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



CodeRED is a "reverse 9-1-1" notification system for use during emergencies which allows City officials the ability to deliver urgent, pre-recorded telephone, cell phone, email or text messages to targeted areas, or the entire community, at a rate of up to 60,000 per hour.

While CodeRED begins with an existing database of telephone numbers, no one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. Visit [www.kentCodeRED.com](http://www.kentCodeRED.com) to add your contact information to the database.

### EMERGENCY OUT-OF-AREA CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Everyone in your family should have the name and phone number of an **out of area contact**. Choose a person outside the immediate area to contact if family members are separated. After a disaster, it is more likely that you will be able to complete a long distance telephone call before a local telephone call. Everyone must know their contact's phone number.

### EVACUATION LEVELS

Emergency officials will use three levels to notify you of the need to evacuate. Know what these terms mean and what actions you need to take.

#### Level 1: Evacuation Alert

Conditions are severe. You and your family should prepare to evacuate. Now is a time for people with special needs, or those that need extra time, to leave the area. Also, it is the time to move mobile property, business equipment and livestock.

#### Level 2: Evacuation Request

Dangerous conditions exist. You should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. You will hear specific information about when to leave and the routes that you should take. You should expect that roads will be congested. This may be the only notice you receive.

#### Level 3: Evacuation Order

You are ordered to leave immediately. You will hear specific information about routes to take. If you choose to ignore this order, understand that emergency personnel will not be able to assist you.

### TERMS THAT WILL BE USED

**Flood Warning** - Flooding is occurring or will occur soon. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

**Flood Watch** - Flooding is possible. Stay tuned to NOAA radio, commercial radio or television for additional information.

**Advisory** - A weather condition that is less serious than a warning. This event may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.