

DECEMBER 2025 FLOOD UPDATES



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More (and likely worse) rain and flooding to come

Second round of significant rainfall expected to hit later today and continue through Wednesday night, causing a second (and likely worse) round of flooding through Friday. Several rivers – including the Cowlitz, Chehalis, Skookumchuck and Newaukum – are expected to crest even higher. Flooding and landside dangers have increased substantially.

Leave now before the second round of flooding hits

Flooding is expected to worsen along the Cowlitz and Chehalis Rivers, especially after dark tonight. Residents in flood-prone areas – including but not limited to the Cascade Peaks area in Randle and the Hamilton Road area in Chehalis – should evacuate now while conditions allow. Waiting until the rivers are at their highest puts your lives and safety – as well as those of our emergency responders – at risk.

Don't drive through flooded roads

Ignoring road closures isn't just dangerous, it's illegal. And there's a reason for that: Six inches of fast-moving water can knock over and carry away an adult, while 12 inches of fast-moving water can carry away a small car and 18-24 inches can carry away most large SUVs, vans and trucks.

Don't be complacent

Don't be fooled by a lull in the weather. This system is expected to deliver a one-two punch, with the second wave hitting harder than the first. With more rain inundating our already-swollen and supersaturated rivers, it's much better to be safe than sorry. Emergency shelters already have been established in Chehalis and Packwood for those needing assistance. To access those sites, contact The American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.