

Storm Damage Relief for Farmers and Ranchers

Farmers and ranchers who have experienced damage from recent storms in Western Washington have a number of options for disaster relief. Local County Emergency Management is the first point of contact. However, private organizations, state and federal agencies also may be of assistance. Please report agricultural damage to your [local Farm Service Agency office](#).

The **Farm Service Agency** has three programs that may be of assistance:

1. [Emergency Loans](#) (provides low-interest loans)
2. [Emergency Conservation Program](#) (provides cost-share for debris removal, repair of fences and other conservation practices)
3. [Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program](#) (similar to crop insurance for crops in which insurance is unavailable.)

Currently, Lewis and Grays Harbor counties have received a Presidential Disaster Designation, which makes farmers in those, and adjacent counties, potentially eligible for **Emergency Loans**. More counties may be designated as damage assessments are made.

Update 12/14/07 - A Presidential Disaster Designation for northern Oregon counties makes the Emergency Loan program available in Clark County. Westside counties covered by Presidential Disaster Designations to date include: Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston and Wahkiakum.

FSA anticipates requests for the **Emergency Conservation Program** in Wahkiakum, Pacific, Lewis, Thurston and maybe Mason. Still being evaluated are Grays Harbor, Mason and Kitsap.

Contact your [local FSA office](#) to apply or for additional information about these programs in your area.

Lewis, Grays Harbor, Pacific County FSA
1554 Bishop Rd., Ste.100
Chehalis, WA 98532-8710
Ph: (360)748-0083 / Fax: (360)740-9745

Pierce, King, Kitsap, Thurston, Mason County FSA
1001 East Main Avenue, #107
Puyallup, WA 98372-6738
Ph: (253)845-9272 / Fax: (253)445-9934

Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum County FSA
11104 NE 149th St., Bldg C, Ste. 500
Brush Prairie, WA 98606-9518
Ph: (360) 883-1987 / Fax: (360) 885-2284

Additional Agricultural Assistance

For **crop insurance** related questions, contact your crop insurance agent or the **USDA Risk Management Agency** (509) 228-6320.

Animal Carcass Disposal

In Lewis County call the Lewis County Emergency Management (360)740-1151 or carcasses may be dropped off at the Metskill drop box site. In other counties, contact your County Emergency Management. See contact information below.

Lewis County Emergency Management
345 West Main St.
Chehalis, WA 98532
Phone: 360.740.1151
Fax: 360.740.1471

<https://fortress.wa.gov/lewisco/home/LC/EM/Default.aspx?lcID=31>

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management
310 W. Spruce, Suite 212
Montesano, WA 98563
(360) 249-3911
(360) 249-3805 (fax)

<http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/index.htm>

Pacific County Emergency Management
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 101, South Bend, WA 98586
Phone: 360-875-9340 South Bend
Phone: 360-642-9340 Long Beach
Fax: 360-875-9342

<http://www.co.pacific.wa.us/pcema/>

Wahkiakum County Emergency Management - DEM Coordinator, Dolly Tawater, (360) 795-3242
<http://www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us/documents/HowtoRecoverfromaFlood.doc>

[Washington State Department of Agriculture \(WSDA\)](#)

[Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\)](#)

[Washington State Veterinarian](#)

[Washington State Farm Bureau](#)

[Washington State Dairy Federation](#)

Other Assistance

Individual assistance unavailable from USDA may be requested from FEMA. Call toll free 1-800-621-3362.

[Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)

[Washington Emergency Management Division](#)

[Washington State Severe Storm Information](#)

[US Army Corps of Engineers - Seattle District](#)

[US Army Corps of Engineers - Portland District](#)

USDA Rural Development – (360) 704-7740 – USDA Rural Development plans to make low-interest loans and grants available to rural residents in the affected areas to repair damage to their homes.

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa/>

Southwest Area - (360) 704-7760 – rural residents living in Grays Harbor, Mason, Thurston, Pierce, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, and Clark Counties.

Northwest Area - (360) 428-4322 ext. 4 – rural residents living in Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Island, San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, and King Counties.

Southeast Area - (509) 454-5740 rural residents living in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Klickitat, Skamania, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima Counties.

Northeast Area - (509) 664-0242 rural residents living in Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Spokane Counties.

For individuals in need of emergency **food stamp assistance**

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/disaster.htm>

Washington State Government has additional assistance listed on their website at <http://access.wa.gov>