



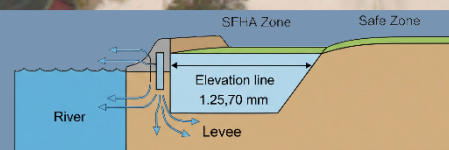
FLOOD READY HAMILTON – COMMUNITY HANDOUT

Protecting Your Home | Preparing Your Family |
Strengthening Our Town.



WHY THIS MATTERS


Hamilton sits in a **Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)** along the Skagit River. With climate change and levee limitations, flood risk is increasing.



QUICK FLOOD SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Sign up for CodeRED emergency alerts
- ☐ Know your evacuation zone
- ☐ Prepare a Go Bag (meds, documents, pet supplies, chargers)
- ☐ Anchor and elevate fuel tanks, propane, and utilities
- ☐ Make a plan for shelter-in-place or evacuation
- ☐ Store important numbers in your phone
- ☐ Keep elevation certificate & insurance policy handy

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

- **Flood Watch:** 1-minute siren
- **Prepare to Evacuate:** 1-min siren → 30-sec pause → 1-min siren
-  **Evacuate Immediately:** 1-min siren → 30-sec pause → 1-min siren (repeat)

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- **Hamilton Emergency Operations Center (EOC):** (360) 826-3983
- **Skagit County Emergency Management:** (360) 428-3250
- **River Level Hotline:** (360) 419-3245
- **Town Hall Permitting & Info:** (360) 826-3027



LOCAL FLOOD RULES AT A GLANCE

- New structures must be built above Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
- Propane tanks must be anchored & waterproofed
- Sandbagging allowed w/o permit if reported within 24 hrs
- Outdoor junk must be fenced & hidden (Ordinance 179)
- RVs must be road-ready & movable in 24 hours



FLOOD INSURANCE TIPS

- Even renters can purchase coverage
- Coverage begins 30 days after purchase
- Check if you're in a Repetitive Loss Area
- Ask Town Hall for your Elevation Certificate



VOLUNTARY BUYOUTS

- Participation is 100% voluntary
- Land is restored to open space or native habitat
- Doesn't impact other disaster aid eligibility
- Contact Forterra at Info@forterra.org or Town Hall 360-826-3027