Emergency flood response: Who does what?

When someone needs help dealing with the aftermath of a major flood event, they should first contact their county government, which leads responses to flood incidents. They may also contact their city, flood control district, or tribal government.

If more resources are needed, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, or State Emergency Management Department are called upon.

**When help is requested from Ecology’s Washington Conservation Corps**, Ecology’s Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program is notified. It flooding impacts a community or the entire region, the WCC Disaster Response Team is deployed.

Which Ecology program handles what?

Water Quality: Issues related to wastewater.

Air Quality: Storm and flood debris burn permits.

Spills Program: Oil spills, chemical releases and other direct environmental threats.

Toxic Cleanup Program: Underground storage tanks.

Water Resources: Dam related issues, adjudicated lake levels, irrigation infrastructure.

Shorelands and Environmental Assistance: Technical assistance for work near water and wetlands, floodplain management, flood risk reduction, Washington Conservation Corps.

Solid Waste Management: Solid waste and debris.

Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction: Hazardous waste issues.