



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority



Severe Weather Response: Sheltering our Unhoused Neighbors

East King County & Snoqualmie Valley

Role of KCRHA in Severe Weather

To provide an emergency system of services, including opening safe, short-term emergency day and nighttime shelters, and coordinating outreach to unsheltered people.



Stages of Response

- **Monitoring**
- **Pre-Activation**
- **Activation**
- **Operations**
- **De-Activation**
- **Post Event**



Where People Go

- Existing Emergency Shelters with Drop-In *
- Existing Emergency Shelters with Expanded Capacity *
- Stand-Up Severe Weather Shelters
- Stand-Up Warming Centers
- King County Library Locations *
- Family Shelter Intake Line *



Severe Weather Response – Activation Thresholds

Tier 1

≤ 45° Daily High
72 Hours

WERC (Internal)
Outreach
Communication
Supplies & Funding

Tier 2

≤ 40° Daily High
≤ 35° Daily Low
72 Hours
Snow/Rain 2 in.

Tier 1 + Daily Coordination Calls
Expanded Shelter Capacity
Food/Supply Distribution

Tier 3

≤ 35° Daily High
≤ 30° Daily Low
Single Day
Snow/Rain 4 in.

Tier 1 & Tier 2 +
Expanded Transportation,
storage, warming centers, &
possible hotel stays.

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Pre-Activation

- Alert cities & providers of upcoming activation. Request expansion of shelters and day center hours.
- Alert EKC community of upcoming activation.

Activation

- Daily huddles with core EKC Severe Weather Stakeholders.
- Daily emails to EKC community of any updates or changes. Sharing flyers, website, and resources.

Post-Activation

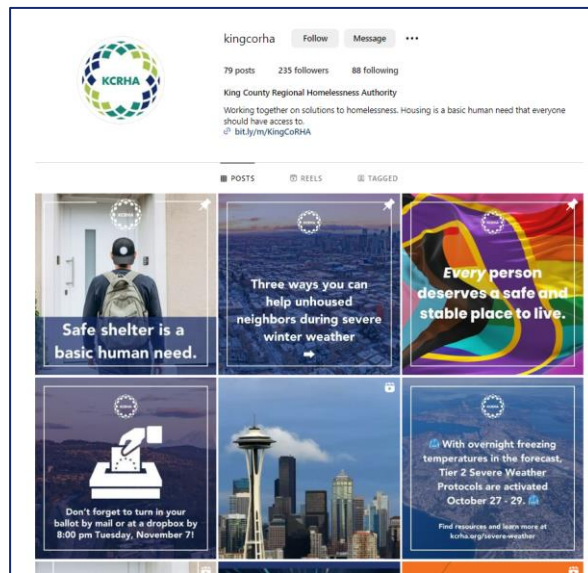
- Collecting utilization numbers from shelters.
- Requesting feedback from shelters and community.
- Processing reimbursement requests for added operational costs.



General Public Comms

Information about severe weather activations is shared widely:

- KCRHA Website & Social Media
- Emails to providers, outreach teams, libraries, and other system partners.



KCRHA's Severe Weather Response Protocols are not currently active.

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Across all seasons, Public Health of Seattle-King County has advice on [being prepared for hot weather](#), and [being prepared for wildfire smoke](#), and, in the case of extreme cold, [how to prevent and treat hypothermia](#).

Learn more about [thresholds for cold weather activation](#) or review our full [Severe Weather Policy](#).

Use the links below to find forecast information and year-round resources.

National Weather Service Seattle Briefings	Year-Round Regional Services Database	Current Seattle Forecast
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Shareable Graphics & Fliers	✓
Seattle	✓
North King County	✓
South King County	✓
East King County	✓
Snoqualmie Valley	✓
Ways the Community Can Help	✓

Improving our Response

- Five-Year Plan Severe Weather Activities:
 - Expand number of Severe Weather Shelters
 - Coordinate & Centralize the Severe Weather Response Countywide
 - Expand Outreach During Severe Weather Events
 - Incorporate Severe Weather Funding into Existing Contracts
 - Improve Guests Connections to Services During & After Activation
- Shift to Seasonal Shelters
- Shoring up funding & reimbursement processes
- Exploring partnerships to equip and deploy community volunteers and to identify additional shelter host sites.

