



# Grays Harbor Storm Recovery INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

*On behalf of the City of Aberdeen / City of Hoquiam / Grays Harbor County*

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**-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-  
Monday, February 9, 2015**

**REQUEST ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED:** If you experienced mud or water damage from the January rainstorms and are still in need of assistance, please contact Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) at 360-500-4551 or 1-800-828-4883, if you have not already done so. CCAP is located at 117 East Third Street in Aberdeen with services located on the second floor and hours of Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

The damage assessment forms completed on line or turned in to your local jurisdiction are not the same as requesting assistance. Over 600 assessment forms were completed and sent to the state department of emergency management to try to obtain additional resources for the residents of Grays Harbor County. However, these reports were informational only and will not generate any assistance for you unless you contact CCAP.

**ASSISTANCE WITH ASBESTOS TESTING FEES:** Several organizations have stepped in to provide financial assistance to those in need. CCAP continues to serve as the central location to access that assistance. In addition, CCAP has been provided with funds from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation to assist with the asbestos testing fees for individual homes. Individuals needing help with the asbestos testing fees should contact CCAP.

**VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS:** The Incident Management Team is coordinating volunteer work through Washington Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (WAVOAD). The WAVOAD volunteers are being directed to assist flood victims who have previously requested volunteer assistance through CCAP.

It is important for flood victims to have accurate contact information so they can be contacted by phone or email. At times, it has been difficult to either contact flood victims or make sure someone is home when the volunteers are available.

**LOW INTEREST FEDERAL LOANS:** The Small Business Administration has offices at the Pearsall Building to assist homeowners, renters, and business owners with low interest federal loans for storm damage repairs and losses. They are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 2015 is the last day to meet with them in person. Those that had physical damage from the floods/landslides have until March 30, 2015 to file for SBA Disaster loan assistance, however the local office is closing on February 12.

If you were denied a loan by the Small Business Administration, please contact CCAP, even if you did so initially, so that your status can be documented should additional assistance becomes available.

**ONGOING RESOURCES:** CCAP is working with several resources to provide not only referral information, but also assistance with emergency shelter and housing. The American Red Cross will continue to offer disaster services to flood victims on an appointment basis through the CCAP office.

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