



# KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

## Questions and Answers regarding the Howard Hanson Dam Flooding

Q: Do I need or can I get flood insurance?

A: We certainly encourage all participants and landlords to get renters insurance and additional coverage for disasters such as floods and earthquakes.

Q: Where can I go for help?

A: The Howard Hanson Dam ( [www.howardhansondam.com](http://www.howardhansondam.com) ), FEMA ( [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) ), and Red Cross ( [www.seattlredcross.org](http://www.seattlredcross.org) ) websites may have helpful information as well as links to other organizations such as local shelters, Public Health, food banks, etc.

Q: When can I return to my unit?

A: This depends on the severity of the water damage, mold, sewers and other issues that may arise. We will be in contact with local code enforcement agencies as to the timing of families returning to the flood areas. **Please be sure to call us when flooding occurs for assistance in this area.**

Q: Can I move and relocate using my Section 8 voucher before it floods?

A: If you are renting month to month, you would have to give a proper notice (20 days in writing) to your landlord. If you are in the middle of your first one year lease, you need to get a mutual lease termination date and get your landlord to agree to the early release date.

Q: If my unit is uninhabitable due to the flood, what do I do next?

A: If the damage is minor and the landlord can repair it quickly, you may be able to stay in the unit while the repairs are being made. If the damage is more extensive, the Housing Authority would have to terminate the contract with the owner and quickly issue a new voucher to you so your family can locate a new unit.

Q: Where can I find other Section 8 rentals if I have to move?

A: Our KCHA website has a property search tool for locating units list by landlords or you may try other sources such as For Rent Magazine, Craig's List, newspapers, or Apartment Finders to name a few.

Q: If I need to move, what paperwork will KCHA need?

A: The documents that KCHA will need to help you move are Social Security cards, picture ID, birth certificates and income information. Please make sure and store your valuable paperwork in a safe secure place (high up off the ground if possible).

Q: Will KCHA or other resources have money available to help with relocation costs such as deposits, screening fees and moving trucks?

A: Unfortunately, KCHA does not have the resources to provide monetary assistance other than for the subsidized rents that we help pay to landlords. For other resources call 211 or check the websites listed above.

Q: What documentation will Landlords need to put a rental unit back on the program after flooding?

A: KCHA will work with the local code enforcement officials on units that have been declared uninhabitable. On other units our regular inspection procedures will be followed.

Q: Should I contact my landlord and /or Housing Authority staff if I have to evacuate my unit?

A: YES. It is important to contact both the landlord and the Housing Authority with your new contact information if you have to evacuate your unit. The Housing Authority is planning on adding additional incoming phone lines to accommodate the increase in phone calls. Please also make sure your caseworker has up-to-date emergency contact information.