



KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

SECTION 8

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Section 8 Participants:

The King County Housing Authority wants to make its participants aware of the current conditions at the Green River's Howard Hanson Dam. The Army Corps of Engineers is continuing its efforts to solve the issues at the dam, however, there is a strong possibility that the release of more water than usual during the extreme rain events this winter will cause parts of the region to flood. **Receipt of this letter means that your unit may be situated in an affected area and we encourage you to attend one of the meetings listed below.**

The Green River Valley communities face increased risks of flooding because of the reduced storage capacity at the dam. The limited capacity could result in increased water releases for a longer period of time increasing the probability of floods in the valley floor.

Renters are advised to review their insurance policies to ensure they are adequately covered for flooding, landslides, sinkholes, and other problems normally associated with significant rain events. Flood insurance information can be obtained from your insurance agency or by visiting the website www.floodsmart.gov. Emergency information is also available at www.kingcounty.gov/floodplans and through links on the different city websites (Kent, Auburn and Tukwila). Please check our website at www.kcha.org for future information as well.

If flooding and water damage occurs in your rental unit, please contact the Section 8 office at 206-214-1300 within 24 hours of vacating the unit. We will have extra phone lines to handle the increase in phone calls. **It is very important we know how to get in touch with you so please let us know if your emergency contact information reported at your last review has changed.**

Sincerely,

King County Housing Authority