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## **News Release**

## **FEMA Needs Your Current Contact Information**

**LACEY, Wash.** – After you apply for federal disaster assistance, it is important to make sure FEMA has your current contact information. Be aware that phone calls from FEMA may appear to come from unidentified numbers.

FEMA may need to call some applicants in Clallam, Skagit and Whatcom counties, including the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, the Quileute Nation and other tribes in the three counties, to conduct a home inspection. The inspection is needed to allow FEMA to continue processing their applications for assistance after the November flooding and mudslides. FEMA also may contact survivors to obtain more information for their application.

When calling applicants, FEMA specialists will have the applicant's FEMA registration number, telephone number and address of the damaged property. They will not ask for money; there is no charge to apply for FEMA assistance. If you are suspicious about a caller, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 to verify that FEMA is trying to reach you.

If there are changes in your phone number, current address, banking or insurance information, you should let FEMA know or you may miss important telephone calls or correspondence.

You can update your information online at <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>, by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the <u>FEMA mobile app</u>. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance is March 7, 2022.

For more information about Washington flood recovery, visit <u>fema.gov/disaster/4635</u>. Follow the FEMA Region 10 Twitter account at <u>twitter.com/femaregion10</u>.

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