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Centralia Emergency Management December 9, 2025**

Centralia Agencies Report Localized Flooding and Encourage Residents to Stay Informed and Safe as Waters Recede.

Centralia, WA – Following the first heavy rainfall of the flood season yesterday, Centralia Emergency Management reports minor localized flooding in parts of the city, primarily along Magnolia and Iron Streets, Main and Pine Streets and adjacent areas. A small number of precautionary evacuations occurred in the most impacted zones, and many residents proactively moved their vehicles to higher ground to avoid damage. China Creek crested around 4 a.m. today, with water levels now beginning to recede.

Saltzer Creek has covered the roadway at Kresky Ave. at Fair St. in Chehalis. This has prompted the Public Works Departments of Centralia and Chehalis to coordinate and temporarily convert National/Gold St. into a two-way (North/South) street from Hampe Way to Summa St. This detour should be in place by 2 PM today. Drivers are encouraged to pay close attention to signs and cones as they utilize this route.

Current forecasts indicate that river levels on the Chehalis and Skookumchuck Rivers will continue to fall through Tuesday (December 9), with no widespread flooding or road closures anticipated. Minor pooling of water on some roadways may persist in low-lying areas during ongoing light rain.

Our community is encouraged to take a few simple steps to stay safe and informed:

- Stay updated by signing up for free emergency alerts at: <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management/lewis-county-alert/>
- Monitor local river levels in real time at: <https://rivers.lewiscountywa.gov/#/> or <https://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/rfc/>
- Visit the City of Centralia's Emergency Management page for preparedness tips and resources: <https://www.cityofcentralia.com/192/Emergency-Management>
- Never drive through moving water – “Turn Around, Don’t Drown.” Even shallow, fast-moving water can sweep vehicles off the road.
- Check on neighbors, friends, and family members who may need extra help during wet weather, such as seniors or those with limited mobility.

Centralia Public Works has provided sandbags, and the self-serve filling station at Center St. at Tower Ave. (entrance from Tower Ave.) is currently operational and available for residents as needed.

The City of Centralia and its partner agencies are in close coordination with each other and will

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provide updates only if conditions change significantly.

We appreciate our community's quick actions and continued preparedness, and look forward to a safe rainy season together. For more information, please contact: Centralia Emergency Management (360) 330-7680 DEM@cityofcentralia.com