Kitsap County Severe Weather Shelters

2024-2025 Shelter Season

Season to Date through 3/31/2025

Number of Days Activated: 31

Stays to Date: 957

Most guests on a single night: 53 on Feb 13, 2025

Percentage of Activation Nights All Sites Opened: 100%

Reasons for Activation: Temp (29), Wind (1), Wind/Rain (1)

Port Orchard	
Minimum Guests per night	8
Maximum Guests per night	24
Average Guests per night	15
Total Stays (to date)	475
Total Nights Activated	31

Kingston	
Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	9
Average Guests per night	4
Total Stays (to date)	116
Total Nights Activated	31

Silverdale	
Minimum Guests per night	2
Maximum Guests per night	21
Average Guests per night	12
Total Stays (to date)	366
Total Nights Activated	31

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2023-2024 Shelter Season

Season to Date through March 31, 2024

Number of Days Activated: 28

Stays to Date: 563

Most guests on a single night: 41 on Jan 12, 2024

Percentage of Activation Nights All Sites Opened: 57% *

** Nights Poulsbo site transferred guests to another location: 1*

Reasons for Activation: Temperature (28)

Port Orchard	
Minimum Guests per night	2
Maximum Guests per night	14
Average Guests per night	6
Total Stays (to date)	181
Total Nights Activated	28

Poulsbo	
**Minimum Guests per night	1
**Maximum Guests per night	5
**Average Guests per night	2
**Total Stays (to date)	26
Total Nights Activated	16

***Note: Poulsbo guest data incomplete*

Silverdale	
Minimum Guests per night	4
Maximum Guests per night	20
Average Guests per night	11
Total Stays (to date)	299
Total Nights Activated	28

Kingston	
Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	5
Average Guests per night	2
Total Stays (to date)	57
Total Nights Activated	28

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2022-2023 Shelter Season

Season to Date through Wednesday, March 15th 2023

Number of Days Activated:	46
Stays to Date:	1,103
Most guests on a single night:	49 on Dec 21, 2022
Percentage of Activation Nights All Sites Opened:	87%
Reasons for Activation:	Temperature (45); Wind (1)

Port Orchard

Minimum Guests per night	3
Maximum Guests per night	18
Average Guests per night	10
Total Stays (to date)	427

Silverdale

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	22
Average Guests per night	10
Total Stays (to date)	476

Poulsbo

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	8
Average Guests per night	3
Total Stays (to date)	130

Kingston

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	5
Average Guests per night	2
Total Stays (to date)	70

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2021-2022 Shelter Season

Season to Date through Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Number of Days Activated:	18	
Bed Nights to Date:	298	
Most guests on a single night:	34	on Dec, 30 2021
Volunteers Participating:	86	
Volunteer Shift Hours:	1,832	

Port Orchard

Minimum Guests per night	3
Maximum Guests per night	13
Average Guests per night	6
Total Guests (to date)	106

Silverdale

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	17
Average Guests per night	6
Total Guests (to date)	109

Poulsbo

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	6
Average Guests per night	4
Total Guests (to date)	37

Kingston

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	7
Average Guests per night	3
Total Guests (to date)	46

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2019-2020 Shelter Season

Season to Date through Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Number of Days Activated:	24
Bed Nights to Date:	573 (incomplete)
Most guests on a single night:	34 on Jan, 15 2020
Volunteers Participating:	169
Volunteer Shift Hours:	2,591

Port Orchard

Minimum Guests per night	4
Maximum Guests per night	20
Average Guests per night	13
Total Guests (to date)	309

Silverdale

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	11
Average Guests per night	8
Total Guests (to date)	184

Poulsbo

Minimum Guests per night	0
Maximum Guests per night	6
Average Guests per night	2
Total Guests (to date)	48

Kingston

Minimum Guests per night	0
Maximum Guests per night	4
Average Guests per night	1
Total Guests (to date)	32

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2018-2019 Shelter Season Summary

Year to Date through Sunday, March 10, 2019

Number of Days Activated:	39
Overnight Stays To Date:	1,167
Most guests on a single night:	42 on Feb 15, 2019
Volunteers Participating:	172
Volunteer Hours:	4,119

Port Orchard

Minimum Guests per night	3
Maximum Guests per night	22
Average Guests per night	14
Total Overnight Stays	532

Silverdale

Minimum Guests per night	5
Maximum Guests per night	19
Average Guests per night	12
Total Overnight Stays	385

Poulsbo

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	8
Average Guests per night	4
Total Overnight Stays	142

Kingston

Minimum Guests per night	1
Maximum Guests per night	9
Average Guests per night	3
Total Overnight Stays	108

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Shelters may be activated when the National Weather Service forecast projects the weather meets certain criteria • temperatures are expected to be at or below 32 degrees for four or more hours and one or more successive days, and/or • snow accumulation is expected to exceed one inch or more for more than two days and/or • there are two or more successive days of one inch or more of rain. The shelters may also activate when high wind warnings are issued. Whether a shelter activates on a particular night is dependent on if there are enough volunteers to staff that location.

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