Kitsap County Severe Weather Shelters

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

Severe Weather Shelters provide safe and warm beds in Poulsbo, Kingston, Silverdale, and Port Orchard during severe weather events Nov 1 – Mar 31. The program is a partnership between the Kitsap County Department of Human Services, the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management (KCDEM), and the organizations that host the shelters at their sites. The shelters are managed and staffed by community volunteers.

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.