

NEWS RELEASE

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Benton County storm damage

Richland, Wash.: The Southeast Communications Center (Benton County's 9-1-1 Center) has received numerous reports of damage as result of the thunderstorms that hit the area late Friday afternoon (Friday, May 19, 2006). Emergency officials and the Benton Franklin Red Cross are asking Benton County residents who have suffered property damage as result of the storm to call Benton County Emergency Services to provide preliminary information on their losses along with their contact information. The number is (509) 628-1185.

Residents are reminded that they should call 9-1-1 ***only*** when they need immediate response from fire, police or medical personnel to protect life or property.

Individuals with power outages should call their local electric utility.

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