

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

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When do I need a permit to repair storm damage?

The Department of Community Development is beginning to receive calls from property owners seeking to repair and/or restore residences, businesses and accessory structures damaged in this winter storm event. The department has prepared a brief Storm Damage Report form which asks you to provide salient information to enable us to assess the situation and advise you on what is required and assist us in getting you under way.

While permits are needed for restoration, replacement and repair of damaged structures, our first interest is in assisting you and ensuring that you are making the necessary and needed repairs in accordance with current codes for your safety and the building's structural integrity.

Not all repairs and improvements require permits. Roof repairs may be undertaken without a permit, providing that the rafter or roof framing is not being sheathed or underlayment replaced. In many instances, further damage may be incurred if repairs are not made immediately. In those instances we need to know if you will be doing the repairs yourself or if a building contractor will be performing the work. Permits may be obtained after the fact, but in such instances we ask that you take photos of the repair work to enable us to assess if corrections are needed in lieu of inspections to ensure consistency with code provisions.

In many instances, the repair and/or restoration work may require engineering. This could be typical of commercial structures and architecturally designed residences. Each situation is unique to each property and to each owner, their circumstance is the most pressing issue. We will do our utmost to assist each of you through these challenges and trials.

Early reports indicate that many residences have been destroyed or are damaged to the point that they are not habitable. In those situations mobile homes or recreational vehicles may be placed for temporary occupancy while repair and restoration work is initiated.

Permit fees may be waived or reduced, depending upon financial circumstances, and will be reviewed when requested on a case-by-case basis. Request for Waiver forms are available from the Community Development Department on request. If your real property has been damaged, we ask that you obtain and complete the Storm Damage Report, regardless of the type of damage sustained in the storm, wind, rain, tree damage or flood.

The Department of Community Development is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The general information and land-use Planning line is (503) 842-3408; Building is (503) 842-3407; and On-Site Sanitation is (503) 842-3409. Remember, permits protect.

Special thanks for your help

The Tillamook County Commissioners wish to thank the citizens of Tillamook County for their tremendous response in helping our neighbors, friends and families through some very trying times for many with the recent flood/wind event. We in Tillamook County are a tough bunch of really good people.

A special note of thanks goes to the Tillamook PUD and its employees for their efforts to restore power throughout the County. Special thanks also goes to the local fire departments, the Coast Guard, the Sheriff's Office employees, the City Police Departments, the Red Cross, County and City Public Works employees, Tillamook County 9-1-1, Oregon Department of Transportation employees and many other citizens and businesses for their heroic actions during this emergency. KTEL and Coast 105 did an exceptional job of helping to keep the public informed with

the latest information while the situation kept changing very rapidly. Thank you.

County payments deal

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Max Baucus (D-Montana), chairman of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, announced Dec. 5, that the Senate has reached an agreement with the House of Representatives to extend funding for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, commonly known as the County Payments Law. The agreement, which contains more than \$1.8 billion for the nation's rural schools, counties and communities through 2011, is included in the Energy Tax Legislation. The House of Representatives passed the Energy Bill containing the funding Dec. 6. Oregon's House delegation voted for the bill, although U.S. Rep. Greg Walden has some problems with other provisions in the bill.

If passed by both U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate and then signed into law by the president, this will mean nearly \$740 million for Oregon Schools, public safety, roads, and other essential services. The agreement includes a four-year plan of gradually ramped-down funding, which is designed to give counties a predictable stream of revenue while they plan for the future without this funding.

For a complete update you can go to www.aocweb.org www.aocweb.org

Marine reserves meeting

The commissioners will meet with the governor's chief of staff regarding marine reserves Wednesday, Dec. 12, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Commissioners Conference Rooms A & B, in the Courthouse at 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook.

