

Being homeless in winter means trying to survive in freezing temperatures, heavy rain and snow.

A living nightmare for the many Kitsap homeless men, women and children.

Kitsap agencies and churches are combining forces to open overnight shelters for the homeless during winter's severe weather. Shelters will be in Bremerton and Port Orchard. One shelter will serve men, one will serve women and children, and another will serve men with children.

The shelters will open when temperatures fall to freezing or below or when an inch of rain or snow is predicted. Volunteers are needed to help staff the shelters from about 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. Participating volunteers can select the days and times that fit their schedules.

Volunteers will work in teams of two or three. Duties may include:

- Getting the shelters ready to open
- Signing in the homeless guests
- Helping with orienting guests to the shelters
- Putting on the coffee pot
- Closing the shelter in the morning

If you are interested in getting involved with this program, please fill out an application.

Go to: www.kitsapdem.org

- Select the "New Volunteer" button in the blue section on the left side.
- At the bottom of the page under "PDF Documents" printout both the "Background Check Application and Volunteer Application".
- Fill out both applications
- Return the form by fax, mail, or drop it off at our office located at 911 Carver St, Bremerton.
- All volunteers registering with Kitsap Emergency Management will be subject to a basic Washington State background check.

Volunteer Coordinator: _____

Severe weather shelters for the homeless are one of many projects undertaken by the Kitsap Continuum of Care Coalition.



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