



# Fact Sheet: Construction & Demolition Debris Management

## Purpose of County Solid Waste Codes

Snohomish County code (SCC) clarifies how waste and recyclables are handled, including recyclable and non-recyclable construction and demolition debris. The purpose of SCC 7.35 and 7.41:

- Provide transparency about which materials are recycled and which are disposed at a landfill,
- Promote recycling, and
- Ensure landfill-disposed materials are properly handled and are disposed in the county solid waste system.

It is important to keep disposal fees for waste generated in Snohomish County in the local solid waste system to fund critical programs and services. Disposal fees pay for the monitoring of nine closed landfills, operation of six disposal facilities, disaster debris planning, illegal dumping cleanup, recycling and program planning, environmental monitoring, and operation of a household hazardous waste drop-off station. The system benefits all residents and businesses in the county and receives no local taxes or general-fund revenues.

## Key Provisions

- Commercial containers hauling non-recyclable waste must be marked “solid waste for disposal,” “landfill,” or “garbage” and can ONLY be transported to a county transfer station. (State law restricts who can commercially haul waste for landfill disposal to WUTC-certificated waste haulers, city contracted haulers, and demolition companies hauling waste from their own demolition projects. Others can “self-haul” their waste, including contractors, who can “self-haul” construction waste for landfill disposal. In all cases, the waste must go to Snohomish County disposal facilities.)
- Commercial containers hauling recyclables must be marked “recyclables,” “recycling” or display the universal recycling symbol . Recycle containers can ONLY be transported to a reclamation site/processor to be recycled. However, that can be in or outside of Snohomish County at whatever rate is offered by the hauler/processing facility. (State law allows a wider range of businesses to commercially haul materials to be recycled, including properly licensed common carriers, such as construction and demolition material haulers. Materials can also be “self-hauled.”)
- Any site utilizing recycling services must also have a properly marked container for non-recyclable waste for landfill disposal.
- Only recyclables should be put in the recycling containers. If the recycling containers have more than 10 percent incidental waste by volume, they need to be “cleaned up” before they are hauled to a recycling facility.
- Intermodal containers hauling waste to rail facilities are not allowed on construction/demolition job sites, except as otherwise approved by the county for the purposes of hauling asbestos containing materials or petroleum contaminated soils.
- Non-recycled residuals from reclamation facilities processing recyclables in the county must be disposed as solid waste.



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