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Snohomish County Offers Flood Victims Vouchers for Free Disposal of Damaged Items

Water-damaged items are accepted at county solid waste facilities

EVERETT, Wash., February 14, 2020 – Due to the recent flooding in Snohomish County, Executive Dave Somers has approved a 30 day waiver for floodwater-damaged household items at county solid waste facilities. He has also asked the county council to extend the waiver until May 31, 2020. Disposal fees will be waived for residents with a valid voucher and whose affected property is located in Snohomish County. Vouchers cannot be used to dispose of commercial or business waste; these wastes will continue to be charged regular disposal fees.

“We understand how hard it is to recover from flood damage, and after the storms of this week, we felt the vouchers might help impacted residents,” Snohomish County Executive Somers said. “It is important to provide relief where we can, in addition to our direct response to the floods.”

Before taking permitted items to a transfer station or drop box, residents must first obtain a voucher. Households with large amounts of flood-damaged material may request multiple vouchers.

Vouchers can be obtained at the following locations (identification may be required):

- American Red Cross, 2530 Lombard Avenue, Everett
- Snohomish County Sheriff, County Courthouse, 4th Floor, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett
- Snohomish County Sheriff - North Precinct, 15100 40th Avenue NE, Marysville
- Snohomish County Sheriff - South Precinct, 15928 Mill Creek Boulevard, Mill Creek
- Snohomish County Sheriff - East Precinct, 515 Main Street, Sultan
- Granite Falls Police Department, 205 S Granite Ave, Granite Falls
- Snohomish Police Department, 230 Maple Avenue, Snohomish
- Stanwood Police Department, 8727 271st Street NW, Stanwood

Once the vouchers are obtained, residents may dispose of their water-damaged items:

- Airport Road Recycling and Transfer Station, 10700 Minuteman Drive, Everett
- North County Recycling and Transfer Station, 19600 63rd Avenue NE, Arlington
- Southwest County Recycling and Transfer Station, 21311 61st Place W, Mountlake Terrace
- Dubuque Road Drop Box, 19619 Dubuque Road, Snohomish
- Granite Falls Drop Box, 7526 Menzel Lake Road, Granite Falls

- Sultan Drop Box, 33014 Cascade View Drive, Sultan

Please note, drop boxes have a 5-cubic-yard limit per load – a standard size pick-up truck loaded level to the side rails holds about 2 cubic yards.

Items accepted for disposal with the vouchers include:

- Flood-damaged items such as carpets, mattresses, clothes, furniture, water-soaked plasterboard, and appliances (except refrigerators and freezers)
- Flood-damaged oil-based paint and small amounts of household hazardous wastes

Customers who suffered substantial flood-damage may want to call their garbage hauler for rates on large drop-off containers / roll-off boxes. Households may use their voucher(s), if they choose, to cover the disposal fee for a large roll-off box from a hauler. The household will be responsible for paying any charges or fees for the delivery and transport of the roll-off box by the hauler.

Free disposal vouchers do not cover wood waste, yard debris, concrete, demolition debris, rock, or soil. Large animal carcasses are not accepted at any county solid waste facility at any time.

For more information on facility locations, hours of operation, and general acceptance policies call the Snohomish County Solid Waste Division at 425-388-3425 or visit www.snoco.org/solidwaste.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.

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