

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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Residents urged to assess, report flood damages

Snohomish County residents, farmers, businesses and municipalities suffering damage from this week's flooding are urged to submit a damage assessment report to the county's Department of Emergency Management as soon as possible.

The damage assessments will be used to determine and justify the need for possible state and/or federal assistance.

Residents and business owners can file reports by calling 425-388-5088 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or by going to www.snoco.org and clicking on the appropriate damage report link.

"This is the first step toward trying to secure state and federal assistance," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, who spoke with Gov. Chris Gregoire about flooding impacts here.

Reardon issued an emergency declaration Sunday in response to record flooding along the Stillaguamish River and its branches. The raging waters impacted several communities in Granite Falls, Arlington, Stanwood and unincorporated Snohomish County. As waters have returned to normal levels, damage to homes, businesses and farms has become more apparent.

Individuals filing reports need to provide an address where the damage occurred, the amount and type of damage, primary and secondary insurance information as well as deductible amounts. All damages should be documented with photographs if possible. Damages also should be reported to private insurance providers.

Reporting to the county does not assure federal assistance, however it is a step in requesting federal assistance.

Snohomish County's municipalities and public agencies should

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How are we doing?

Did you know that you can track how well the County is meeting its performance goals?

complete and return PA-1/2 forms to the county DEM.

DEM staff is available 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to assist or answer questions. They can be reached at 425-388-5088.



County Public Works' crews continue to inspect roads for flood damage such as this at Dike Road.

County offers vouchers for free flood waste disposal

Snohomish County residents hit by floods also can dispose of water-damaged household goods free of charge at Snohomish County solid-waste facilities.

The fee waiver, proposed by Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, was approved Wednesday by the County Council and is available through April 13, 2011.

“This allows us to act quickly to provide vouchers for waste disposal,” Reardon said. “Providing help for early cleanup allows our residents to get back on their feet as soon as possible.”

Disposal fees will be waived for flood-damaged residential waste at the county’s transfer stations in Arlington, Everett and Mountlake Terrace and at the county’s drop boxes in Granite Falls, Snohomish and Sultan.

Residents must first obtain a voucher before taking materials to the transfer station or drop box. A separate voucher is needed for each load. Drop boxes have a 5-cubic-yard limit per load. (A standard-size pickup loaded level to the side rails holds about 2 cubic yards.)

The SnoStat system tracks how well the County is delivering services, the costs of those services, and the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

Simply visit our [SnoStat website](#).

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Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

Commercial and business waste will continue to be charged regular disposal fees.

Items accepted for disposal include: household furnishings, furniture, spoiled food, carpeting, water-soaked plasterboard and appliances (no refrigerators or freezers). Oil-based paint and small amounts of household hazardous waste also will be accepted with vouchers at all solid-waste facilities. Household hazardous waste includes items such as bleach, oven cleaner, solvents, moth balls and other products marked poison, flammable or corrosive. Generally, household hazardous waste is only accepted at the county's Household Hazardous Waste facility in Everett. Hazardous waste must be kept separate from other garbage. Metal should be separated for recycling.

Customers who suffered substantial flood damage may want to call a garbage hauler for rates on large drop-off containers. The cost of these containers and their transport is not covered by the county's free-disposal voucher.

Free disposal does not include demolition debris, yard debris, wood waste, concrete, rock, soil and animal carcasses larger than 10 pounds.

Vouchers can be obtained at the following locations:

- Darrington Sheriff's Substation, 1115 Seeman St., Darrington;
- American Red Cross, 2530 Lombard Ave., Everett;
- Snohomish County Sheriff, Community Information, 4th Floor, Courthouse, 3000 Rockefeller, Everett;
- North County Sheriff's Precinct, 15100 40th Ave. NE, Marysville;
- South County Sheriff's Precinct, 15928 Mill Creek Blvd., Mill Creek;
- East County Sheriff's Precinct, 14000 179th Ave. SE, Monroe;
- Stanwood Sheriff's Substation, 8727 271st St. NW, Stanwood.

For more information on solid-waste facility locations and hours of operation, call the Solid Waste Division at 425-388-3425 or go to www.snoco.org/solidwaste.



Help for hard times available

Unemployment, even temporary, is one of the most difficult experiences to endure, especially if it affects your entire family's income. Knowing where to turn and taking control can reduce the impact.

"Help is available from an array of organizations and services, but having one location to find them will make this difficult time that much easier," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "It is incumbent upon us to reach out while there is a direct need."

Snohomish County has joined with United Way and multiple agencies to support those in need through the Help for Hard Times website. There, residents can find information on how to apply for unemployment benefits, where to turn for financial help and how to stay active in the community until finding a new job. Find out what to do in the first 30 days, first 60 days and first 90 days of unemployment, or steps you can take should benefits be running out.

Go to www.helpforhardtimes.org for valuable information and available resources.

 **10th Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 12**

The community is invited to celebrate the life and values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the 10th annual celebration bearing his name. While most events are free of charge, some require an RSVP and have a suggested donation price.

Snohomish County is a sponsor of the King events, along with the city of Everett, YMCA of Snohomish County and United Way of Snohomish County.

Diversity Breakfast

7 to 8:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn, 3105 Pine St., Everett

Doors open at 7 a.m. An RSVP is required for breakfast and can be made at 425-374-5570 or events@uwsc.org. Suggested donation: \$10 individuals, \$100 table sponsorships.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rally & March

10:30 a.m. to noon

Snohomish County Plaza, 3000 Wall St., Everett

FREE

Community Celebration

Noon to 1 p.m.

Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, 2000 Hewitt Ave.,

Everett

FREE

For more information, contact Amy Ockerlander at 425-388-3460 or amy.ockerlander@snoco.org.

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