

Snohomish County Executive  
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Priorities in Action



Latest News & Upcoming Events

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 **Memorial Day**

Each year we observe Memorial Day as a day of remembrance for those who have died serving our nation. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday, to be celebrated on the last Monday in May. The US Flag is to be flown at half-staff to commemorate this important day.

I would like to wish each of you a safe holiday. While the memorial day weekend is a time to enjoy the company of friends and loved ones, it is also a time to reflect on those that have made the ultimate sacrifice in their service to our great country. It is their dedication that has preserved the freedom and way of life that we are eternally grateful for.

 **DEM and WSP partner to ensure safety over the holiday weekend**

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) will assist the Washington State Patrol (WSP) with its DUI operation. DEM will activate the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) beginning at 8:00 PM tonight.

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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](#).

The operation will utilize technology incorporated into the EOC during the recent upgrade of the facility. The upgrade, funded by grant money from the Urban Areas Security Initiative, included technology that will allow the EOC to view incidents and events "real time" from helicopters and specially outfitted airplanes. That technology allows the video to be immediately seen by incident commanders located in the EOC during an emergency.

Tonight, this technology will be used to help DEM and WSP identify people driving under the influence. This operation demonstrates the importance of the use of technology and partnerships to ensure public safety.

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 **Looking for volunteer opportunities in Snohomish County?**

Volunteering for one of the many boards or commissions that serves Snohomish County is a great way to get involved with your local community. There are a variety of different interests and fields represented and it is a wonderful opportunity to have your voice heard on issues that affect our County. Citizen volunteers represent an essential element of the County government function and we are truly grateful for the countless hours of service they provide.

To make it easier than ever to get involved in County government, we have launched a new service on the County web page. Now, you can keep track of current board and commission openings on the web and have updates sent directly to you when new opportunities become available. Please visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search "boards and commissions" for more information and a link to current openings.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

## **Special one-day recycling events to serve farmers**

Each year, the farmers of Snohomish County generate tons of baling twine, plastic bags and nursery pots that, until recently, were difficult to recycle.

Farms, nurseries, stables and others will be able to recycle plastic baling twine, empty hay bale bags and nursery pots free of charge at any of three events set for June 9 and 10 in Marysville, Monroe and Stanwood:

- **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday June 9 in Marysville** at the Livestock Auction Barn, 15714 Smokey Pt. Blvd.
- **3 to 6 p.m. Saturday June 9 in Stanwood** at Skagit Farmers Supply and Country Store, 8815 – 272<sup>nd</sup> St.
- **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday June 10 in Monroe** at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds parking lot at 14405 – 179th Ave SE.

At all locations, participants will be asked to sort prepared materials into specially marked storage bags and containers. Many agricultural plastics can be recycled into black plastic nursery items, drain pipe, truck bed liners or plastic lumber for benches, posts and pilings.

The one-weekend-only recycling collections are sponsored by Snohomish County, RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, Silverdale Recycling Ltd. and the Washington State University Snohomish County Extension.

For more information, visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), search “focus on farming” and follow the “what’s new” link.

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