

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



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 **Reardon stands firm on tax cut, takes action on 2008 budget**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon took action today on the numerous ordinances that make up the 2008 budget package.

Reardon signed into law the 1% cut to general property taxes he proposed in September.

“We have demonstrated that we can provide quality services to the citizens of Snohomish County while reducing their tax burden,” said Reardon. “We are investing in a better and more prosperous future for Snohomish County.”

Reardon vetoed a 1% property tax increase for unincorporated Snohomish County adopted by the County Council on November 19. Council’s tax increase of 1% yields approximately \$477,000 in revenue. While Council raised the Road Levy for the stated purpose of supporting additional road projects, Council chose to shift \$400,000 of this tax increase from the Road Fund to the General Fund.

“We have a responsibility to be honest with the voters about how their money is being spent,” said Reardon. “We must continue to explore creative options that truly invest in Roads. I encourage the Council to reject this bait-and-switch approach to taxation and sustain my veto.”

Reardon heralded much of the 2008 County Budget, which maintained many of the priorities established in his recommended budget submitted in September. This includes significant investments in community safety, law and

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justice, the environment, critical services for seniors and veterans, and infrastructure improvements in parks and roadways.

Reardon did not sign several of the official budget ordinances, allowing them to become law. In returning the ordinances to Council unsigned, Reardon cited the County Council's introduction of nearly 200 amendments to the Recommended Budget just hours before the vote on final adoption. The last minute amendments prevented thorough review and transparency the public hearing process is intended to produce and led to numerous errors that must be addressed in 2008, as well as policy decisions that did not receive thorough analysis.

Reardon pledged to work with the new Council in 2008 to correct errors and address policy implications for the County.

See the complete text of [Executive Reardon's letter](#) to the County Council.



Snohomish County offers free waste disposal for flood victims

Snohomish County is offering aid to individuals faced with the aftermath of flood clean-up in the form of free waste disposal of water-damaged household goods at County solid waste facilities.

"Snohomish County is working to help our residents get back on their feet as quickly as possible," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

In the Executive's proposal (sent to the Council on Wednesday for their approval), starting Friday, December 7, 2007 through April 4, 2008 fees will be waived for flood-damaged residential waste at County Transfer Stations in Arlington, Everett and Mountlake Terrace; and at County Drop Boxes in Granite Falls, Dubuque Road, Sultan, Oso and Gold Bar. Drop Boxes have a 5 cubic-yard limit per load. Commercial and business waste will continue to be charged regular disposal fees.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Reardon

Residents must present special vouchers when taking materials to the transfer station or drop box. A separate voucher is needed for each load brought in.

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

Items accepted for disposal include: household furnishings, furniture, spoiled food, carpeting, water-soaked plasterboard and appliances (except refrigerators and freezers.) Paint and small quantities of household hazardous waste are also accepted with vouchers at all solid waste facilities. Hazardous waste must be kept separate from other garbage. Metal should be kept separate for recycling. Customers with large quantities of metal waste, such as carports, should contact local metal recyclers.

Free disposal does not include demolition debris, yard debris, wood waste, concrete materials, rock, soil, and animal carcasses. Large animal carcasses are not accepted at any time.

Voucher Pick-Up Locations:

Darrington:

Darrington Sheriff's Substation
1115 – Seeman St.

Everett:

American Red Cross
2530 Lombard Ave

Snohomish County Sheriff
Community Information
4th Floor, Courthouse
3000 Rockefeller Ave

Marysville:

North County Sheriff's Precinct
15100 – 40th Ave NE
425-388-5200

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Mill Creek:

South County Sheriff's Precinct
15928 Mill Creek Blvd
Mill Creek
425-388-5250

Monroe:

East County Sheriff's Precinct
14000 – 179th Ave SE
360-805-6770

Stanwood:

Stanwood Sheriff's Substation
8727 – 271st NW
425-388-5290

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

**Executive Reardon encourages remembrance of Pearl Harbor, issues proclamation**

Today is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Designated by the U.S. Congress to be observed on December 7 of each year, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is one on which we all should take a moment to reflect upon the sacrifices of the more than 2,400 military men and women who lost their lives during the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor. This marked the United States entrance into World War II.

Executive Reardon urges the citizens of Snohomish County to join in remembering and honoring our brave military men and women, their families and all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while defending this great nation as we observe National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Snohomish County.

Earlier today the Snohomish County Central War Memorial Committee remembered those lost at Pearl Harbor and honored attack survivors in a ceremony held at the eternal flame on the Snohomish County Plaza.

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In honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Executive Reardon has issued a proclamation which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

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