

Snohomish County Executive  
**AARON REARDON**



Priorities in Action



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Friday, November 14, 2008

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 **Thursday, Nov. 20: Focus on Farming Conference**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon welcomes farmers, chefs, growers and retailers to the 5th annual Focus on Farming Conference to be held Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

The annual conference, initiated by Reardon and local farmers in 2004, continues to grow in attendance and participation from a broad sector, including new rural residents with an interest in farming, government agencies and individuals interested in food, sustainability and regional agriculture.

Titled "Breaking New Ground," this year's conference offers a diverse program featuring renowned speakers including 2008 MacArthur Fellowship winner David Montgomery, author of "Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations."

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th St. SW. Early registration is \$35 and runs through Nov. 6. After that, the cost to attend is \$45. Register online at [www.focusonfarming.org](http://www.focusonfarming.org) or by calling 425-388-7492.

 **Damage assessments needed by Wednesday, Nov. 19**

Snohomish County residents, businesses and municipalities have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, to report flood damages to the county's Department of Emergency Management (DEM).

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

Flooding caused potential damage and impacts in

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unincorporated Snohomish County as well as a number of cities, including Index, Gold Bar, Sultan, Monroe, Snohomish, Granite Falls and Arlington. The county's Public Works Department also has been inspecting about 30 roads and bridges that were closed or damaged due to flooding.

Residential and business damages can be reported by calling the DEM office at 425-388-5060 or by filling out and returning a damage-assessment form found at

[www.snoco.org/departments/emergency\\_management](http://www.snoco.org/departments/emergency_management).

Individuals will 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.

DEM staff is available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to assist or answer questions. They can be reached at 425-388-5060.

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## **Reardon requests free waste disposal for flood victims**

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon has asked the County Council for quick approval of free disposal of water-damaged goods for individuals needing flood clean-up aid.

"Helping our residents get back on their feet as quickly as possible is a priority for Snohomish County," said County Executive Aaron Reardon. "Residents' ability to recover from last week's storm was only compounded by this week's near-record flooding. Providing vouchers for waste disposal is something tangible we can do to lessen the impact."

Under Reardon's proposal, fees would 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, Snohomish, Sultan, Oso and Gold Bar. Reardon has asked the County Council to approve the plan Monday, Nov. 17, allowing the program to begin Tuesday, Nov. 18. Free collection would end Monday, Feb. 16, 2009.

If approved, residents will need to obtain a voucher first before taking materials to the transfer station or drop box. A separate voucher would be needed for each load. Drop boxes have a 5-cubic-yard limit per load. Commercial and business waste will

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

continue to be charged regular disposal fees.

Items accepted for disposal would include: household furnishings, furniture, spoiled food, carpeting, water-soaked plasterboard and appliances (except refrigerators and freezers). Paint and small quantities of household hazardous waste also would be accepted with vouchers at all solid waste facilities. Generally, paint and 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 voucher.

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

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](http://www.snoco.org).

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