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## **Snohomish County Expands Solid Waste Facility Access for Residents**

*Transfer stations will be open seven days a week 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., additional drop box location to open*

**EVERETT, Wash., April 24, 2020** – In response to changing pandemic conditions, Snohomish County will expand access to Solid Waste facilities for the public starting Saturday, May 2. Transfer stations will be open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to both hand-unload, self-haul customers and mechanical-unload customers. The Sultan and Dubuque drop boxes will open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on various days of the week to hand-unload customers only. Both groups of facilities will have additional restrictions.

“We know how hard COVID-19 has been on our residents, both directly and indirectly,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “Our decisions are being guided by the best science available with the intent to reopen what we can, when we are certain we can do it safely. Providing expanded service to our solid waste customers is a testament to the hard work of many to ensure the public and our staff are safe.”

Beginning Saturday, May 2, the Sultan drop box will be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and starting Sunday, May 3, the Dubuque drop box site will be open Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is a limit of five cubic yards per customer. The Granite Falls drop box will remain closed until further notice.

“Solid Waste staff and customers will be required to practice social distancing throughout the sites,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “Our Solid Waste staff has implemented a variety of administrative and engineering controls to limit spread of COVID-19 for everyone.”

There will be no recycling or household hazardous waste disposal at any of the facilities and credit and debit cards are the only forms of payment accepted, no checks or cash. Yard debris will only be accepted at transfer stations as garbage and all loads will be weighed for payment at transfer stations.

“We would like to continue to encourage those who can stay home to not visit the facilities and for residents to bring items in cans or bags for quicker unloading,” Snohomish County Solid Waste Director Matt Zybas said. “We are hoping to expand access later in May as long as the health of our community continues trending in the right direction.”

For more information, the public can call 425-388-3425.

**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](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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