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County offers free waste disposal for flood victims

Snohomish County will offer individuals free waste disposal of flood-damaged household goods at county solid waste facilities.

County Executive Aaron Reardon proposed the fee waiver Friday, and the County Council approved the measure Monday.

“This is a chance to help our residents get back on their feet as quickly as possible,” Reardon said. “Providing these vouchers for waste disposal is something we can do to lessen the impact.”

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, Snohomish, Sultan, Oso and Gold Bar beginning Tuesday, Nov. 18. The free collection will end Monday, Feb. 16, 2009.

Residents first need to 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. 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 (except refrigerators and freezers). Paint and small quantities of household hazardous waste also will 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.

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
- Gold Bar Sheriff's Substation, 107 5th St., Gold Bar
- 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 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/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Facilities.

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