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To: King and Snohomish County Contractors

From: Snohomish County Solid Waste Division

Re: New Information on Handling Waste and Recyclables on Job Sites in Snohomish County

Snohomish County Code was recently revised to provide greater clarity on how waste and recyclables are handled within Snohomish County, including construction and demolition debris. These revisions may affect your current practices at job sites located in Snohomish County. Some changes also apply to solid waste and recycling service transporters and processors, so you should anticipate some adjustments in coming months.

The purpose of the changes includes:

- providing transparency about which materials are being recycled and which materials are being disposed at a landfill,
- promoting recycling, and
- ensuring that landfill-disposed materials are properly handled and disposed in the Snohomish County solid waste system.

Job sites that elect to recycle must have separate, properly-identified containers for recyclable and non-recyclable CDL waste and garbage. All waste and garbage at sites must be disposed at a Snohomish County solid waste facility. Disposing of solid waste generated within Snohomish County at a site other than a site designated by the County is considered a misdemeanor. Recyclable materials may be taken to private locations in or outside Snohomish County for processing, and containers of recyclable materials must contain less than 10% accidental/incidental non-recyclable waste (by volume).

An overview of the code changes and a question and answer sheet are included with this letter, as well as a map of garbage service providers in your area. You can also visit www.snoco.org and type "Const and Demo" in the search box for more information, including sample job-site educational materials for use with your employees and subcontractors.

It is important that you communicate with your recyclables hauler to determine which materials they are able to recycle and that you ensure all other materials are separated and placed in a garbage container for proper disposal at Snohomish County disposal facilities.

The Snohomish County Solid Waste Division and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office look forward to working with you to ensure compliance with these code requirements. Please contact the Solid Waste Division at 425.388.3425 (press 0) if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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