



SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Questions and Answers 2025 Landscaping Maintenance

Conway Roundabout (Schedule A)

No questions received.

LaVenture Median (Schedule B)

1. **Question:** Given the square footage of the LaVenture Median (Schedule B), I estimate the mulch requirement to equate to about 3-5 very large truck loads, depending on the truck capacity.
 - a. Can it be staged at the dog park? If there is even a way to move it to the site?
 - b. Can it be delivered with a truck that dispenses it out via a conveyor (not sprayed)? This would reduce labor hours from hauling but would require some traffic mitigation.

Answer:

- a. The County does not operate the dog park, so it is not under our jurisdiction to allow staging in this area.
 - b. This is possible, dependent on an approved traffic control plan. A traffic control plan must be submitted to Skagit County for review and approval prior to the commencement of work at this location.
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2. **Question:** Is the 23,903 ft² listed for the LaVenture Median the actual area needed to be filled with Mulch?

Answer: 23,903 ft² is the total for the median. Per the Invitation to Bid, “The Contractor shall be responsible for visiting the Conway Roundabout and South LaVenture Road Median sites prior to submitting bids to verify square footages and existing conditions of landscaped areas.”

3. **Question:** Are we able to block off (using cones) a portion of the road we are working on?

Answer: If you are not blocking traffic in any way, you may place cones down while you are working without prior approval. If traffic will be impacted, a traffic control

plan must be submitted to Skagit County for review and approval prior to the commencement of work.

- 4. Question:** Is there a specific staging area we can use for the mulch?

Answer: In previous years, a staging area has not been necessary. However, a staging area can be established within County limits with the prior approval of a Traffic Control Plan. If you would like to establish a staging area within the City of Mount Vernon limits, we suggest coordinating with the Mount Vernon Parks and Enrichment Services Department.

Solid Waste Transfer Station (Schedule C)

- 1. Question:** How many square feet are the areas to be maintained at the Solid Waste Transfer Station (Schedule C)?

Answer: The square footage of the areas to be maintained at the Transfer Station is approximately 53,300 ft²

- 2. Question:** The Scope of Work for the Solid Waste Transfer Station (Schedule C) states, "Clippings and debris resulting from routine service work at the Transfer Station may be disposed of on-site, with prior approval from County staff." How is prior approval obtained?

Answer: On the day of each site visit, the Landscaper would obtain approval from the Solid Waste Division Manager, Margo Gillaspy, the Transfer Station Manager, Frank Barcott, or the Transfer Station Lead Technician for the day. Please note that the Solid Waste Transfer Station does not sort for composting, and it is the preference of the County for compost material to be taken to a nearby composting facility instead.

- 3. Question:** At the Solid Waste Transfer Station (Schedule C), if there is blackberry overgrowth on any of the sites to be maintained, is it the responsibility of the landscaper to remove them?

Answer: Yes, it is the responsibility of the landscaper to remove and dispose of blackberry overgrowth on the sites included in regular service. However, landscapers are welcome to spray along the fence line if they wish to mitigate overgrowth.