

Prevent asbestos exposure during dry weather

Swift Creek and downstream Sumas River carry asbestos from the Sumas Mountain landslide. In dry weather, sediments containing asbestos pose a hazard.

AVOID walking, driving, cycling, riding horses, or disturbing the riverbed or dredge piles

along Swift Creek and Sumas River, or where flooding may have left deposits.



- When disturbed, asbestos fibers in the dry sediments can become airborne.
- Airborne asbestos can be inhaled and potentially cause health problems.

For more information

Learn how to handle sediments to protect yourself and your family.

- Health Advisory: www.doh.wa.gov/portals/1/Documents/Pubs//334-211.pdf
- Flooding & Asbestos: www.whatcomcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/61774/Swift-Creek-Sumas-River-Asbestos-and-Flooding-Fact-Sheet

For more Swift Creek Project information, see reverse side →



Landslide material in Swift Creek containing naturally-occurring asbestos



In dry weather, sediments containing asbestos pose a hazard.

Swift Creek Project



Websites

www.ecology.wa.gov/SwiftCreek
www.whatcomcounty.us/513/Swift-Creek



Questions

Laura Vandervort

Whatcom County Public Works
(360) 778-6307; LVanderv@co.whatcom.wa.us

Jennifer Hayden

Whatcom County Health and Community Services
(360) 778-6036; jhayden@co.whatcom.wa.us

Ian Fawley

Washington State Department of Ecology
(425) 324-5901; ian.fawley@ecy.wa.gov



En español

Si desea recibir esta postal en español, visite www.ecology.wa.gov/Swift-Creek-ES, y envíe un mensaje al correo electrónico preguntas@ecy.wa.gov, o llame al 425-324-5901 y espere a que un intérprete se una a la llamada.



913 Squalicum Way, Unit 101
Bellingham, WA 98225

ADA Accessibility: To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility> or call Ecology at 425-324-5901. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.