

## Mason County GIS Department

### Data Exchange Policy

The Mason County GIS Department recognizes the value and benefits which may be gained by exchanging data with other organizations, and encourages data exchange whenever possible. For Mason County, this enables access to highly-detailed, up-to-date information maintained by local jurisdictions, such as cities and utility districts. For those jurisdictions, data exchange makes available information for adjacent areas which is essential for planning and management purposes, but which they lack the resources to develop and maintain themselves. In addition, Mason County is able to obtain data for adjacent counties and other areas of the state when they are needed for County projects. The Mason County GIS Department currently exchanges data on an informal basis with a variety of governmental and utility organizations. Private companies or any other entity not listed below, that requests data, will pay a time and materials fee to cover the cost of distribution. See the Mason County GIS webpage for more details on ordering data.

If the data cannot be exchanged electronically (via email or FTP) but must come via standard mail; charges for materials and postage will apply. Only data that is created and maintained by the Mason County GIS Department will be shared. The GIS department requires a Data Usage Agreement be filled out by any person or organization that receives our data. See the list below for specific details on who we share data with.

**Data Exchange** - Mason County GIS typically exchanges its data with the following entities:

- Federal Agencies
- Washington State Agencies
- County Governments
- City Governments
- Public Utility Districts
- Port Districts
- School Districts
- Fire Districts
- Tribal Nations
- Transit Agencies
- Public Universities / Colleges
- Other Governmental Agencies
- Consultants, Contractors or Organizations working on a project for or with Mason County Government