

PRESS RELEASE

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Spring Cleanup Free Dump Day Staff Report

Mason County and the City of Shelton held a Spring Cleanup from April 12th through April 23rd and culminated the event with a Free Dump Day on April 24th. During the two week period Mason County coordinated with solid waste haulers that serve our area and local scrap metal and wood recyclers to haul and process materials at no charge. The following is a summary of the materials collected:

The Spring Cleanup resulted in the collection and disposal of a little over 91 tons of solid waste. Recycled materials totaled 510 tons consisting of brush and woody debris, tires, and metals including 255 hulk automobiles. There were 584 participating households.

The Free Dump Day collected just under 151 tons of material for disposal and recycling. This includes 463 waste tires and 246 miscellaneous items such as mattresses, over stuffed furniture, and appliances. At this time most of the recycled materials haven't been picked up and quantified by weight so we don't know how much of the 151 tons will be recycled but typically about half is recycled. There were 350 participating households served during the day. If these materials were brought in and charged usual disposal fees the day's receipts would have totaled \$13,496.49. Information we received from the Mason County Food Bank indicated they received donations of \$450.00 in cash and 400 pounds of canned food.

Mason County would like to thank our participants for their patience and understanding. A special thanks goes out to the participating business' and our solid waste staff, who worked together these past couple of weeks to make this event such a success and Mason County a little bit cleaner and nicer place to live and visit.

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