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RE: Vouchers to replace Free Dump Day

Instead of lining up for hours on a Saturday this October, Mason County residents will now be able to pick up a voucher which will entitle them to dispose of a single load of residential waste at the Shelton Transfer Station at no charge. The new program will provide greater convenience for residents as well as lessen the impact on solid waste personnel. Vouchers will be available for pickup beginning October 1st at the Shelton, Hoodsport, Union, and Belfair transfer stations, as well as at the Mason County Utilities Office, 410 North 4th Street in Shelton (County Building 2). A total of 400 vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. One voucher is allowed per household. Proof of residency in the form of a driver's license or utility bill is required to receive a voucher. The vouchers will expire on November 30, giving residents as many as 60 days to redeem the voucher. Expired vouchers will not be accepted.

The following wastes will be accepted with a voucher: up to ten, off-rim passenger tires, scrap metal, appliances, furniture, yard debris, and empty propane tanks. The voucher is good for one single load with a standard size pickup truck or equivalent. Loads larger than this will not be accepted without charge. No commercial wastes will be accepted.

Tires, scrap metal, yard waste, appliances, propane tanks, recyclables, and reusable items such as bicycles or furniture should be separated from the rest of your materials and placed on top or at the back of your load so that they can be removed first.

As in years past during Free Dump days; please bring a nonperishable food item with you when you redeem your voucher. Food donations will go to the Food Bank Alliance for distribution to needy families in Mason County.

Questions regarding the voucher program can be directed to Shannon McClelland, Recycling Coordinator at (360) 432-5126, or attendants at any of the transfer stations.

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