

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**411 NORTH 5<sup>TH</sup> ST**  
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TO: KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,  
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,  
THE SUN

RE: Compost Bins for Sale/Vouchers

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Compost bins for your yard and food waste are now available from Mason County Utilities and Waste Management.

For only \$25, you can purchase the Garden Gourmet, a \$79 dollar value. This handy, versatile unit can help you turn grass clippings, fall leaves and kitchen scraps into a rich soil amendment.

You can pick up a bin at the Transfer Station in Shelton on W. Eells Hills Rd, or the drop boxes in Union (1391 McCreavy) and Hoodspoint (260 Hoodspoint Park Rd.). Belfair area residents can purchase bins at the drop box on 1611 Sand Hill Rd., and pick them up at the Theler Center with their receipt.

For the average single family home, almost a quarter of the waste in a trashcan is food waste. Home composting is a great way to reduce your garbage bill, and convert your kitchen scraps into something useful for your garden, houseplants, or landscaping. A simple way to understand composting is: "if it grows out of the ground, it can go back to the ground."

And just as a reminder vouchers for free disposal will be available at the Theler Center in Belfair and the Utilities office in Shelton (411 5<sup>th</sup> St.) from 9 AM until 12 noon on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The vouchers will be good for one pickup truck load of waste per household, and can be used anytime before the end of the year.

For more information please contact David Baker at 360-427-7771

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