

NEWS RELEASE
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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: Mason County Offers Reduction in Permit Fees in Response to Storm

In response to the recent storm events of December 3, 2007, the Mason County Department of Community Development is requesting owners or residents of property within Mason County who have suffered storm damage, to contact the County. Staff can determine if building or land use/environmental permits are required for the flood or landslide damage repairs needed to eliminate an eminent danger to life and safety, including those needed on an emergency basis.

The required permit application fees, in many cases, may be reduced or waived in an effort to get the work completed as soon as possible. Staff will conduct site inspections to determine the extent of the work that will be necessary and if fees can be waived or reduced.

An example of activities that do require permits include new or expanded bulkheads and bank stabilization, increasing a footprint of an existing building, dredging or relocating a stream, or filling a wetland.

Repair of a bridge, removal of silt or debris from property or structures, non-structural repairs, such as replacing of flooring or sections of sheetrock, cleaning of culverts, and cleaning of drainage ditches may not require permits.

An inspection of the project site is essential in determining what the project will entail. The ability for the County to offer a waiver or reduction of fees will be in effect until only **February 1, 2008**.

In order for us to expedite your request within this timeline, please contact Mason County Department of Community Development, as soon as possible, at (360) 427-9670 or 275-4467, Ext. 604 for questions relating to environmental or land use issues or Ext. 352 for building/structural issues. Your request will then be directed to a land use planner or building inspector for an area evaluation.

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