

NEWS RELEASE

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MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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: Changes to Mason County's Recycling Program

Due to the cost of providing a recycling service for residents, the difficult decision has been made to reduce the number of sites where recycling can be dropped off, beginning this month. As an additional cost saving measure, the remaining sites will no longer be able to accept glass bottles and jars. Glass will still be collected at the Shelton Transfer Station.

The recycle only sites in Bucks Prairie, Potlatch, Grapeview, the Red Apple Market in Shelton and the Port of Allyn will all be removed.

The four garbage and recycling sites – Belfair on Sand Hill, Union on McCreavy, Hoodspoint by Foothills Park, and the Solid Waste Facility in Shelton on Eells Hill- will continue to offer blue box recycling during their regular hours.

The Park and Ride on Pickering and Highway 3, the Matlock Store, and the Johns Prairie site across from the old County Shop will also continue to collect residential recyclable materials at this time.

As these sites are phased out, curbside recycling services will become available for subscribers of garbage service. To find out if you are eligible for curbside recycling collection, check our Web site at www.co.mason.wa.us or call Mason County Garbage and Recycling at 426-8729.

For more information about the bluebox program, please call David Baker, Solid Waste Manager, 427-7771.

Mason County Utilities and Waste Management would like to thank our community partners for their generous contributions over the past years in helping to provide recycling opportunities to our citizens.

Tim Sheldon
Chair

Lynda Ring Erickson
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