

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: Burn Barrel exchange

As of this week, Mason County Utilities and Waste Management has partnered with the Department of Natural Resources and the Olympic Region Clean Air Authority to provide a great incentive for residents to trade in their burn barrels for a compost bin.

Compost bins will be available on a first come first serve basis, and a burn barrel must be brought in for disposal. Bins will not be available for sale, and there is a limit of one barrel for one bin per household.

Burn barrels will be accepted at no charge at the Solid Waste Facility in Shelton on Eells Hill Road from 8-4 daily. Other wastes brought in for disposal will still be charged.

Burn barrels must be inactive for more than one week, and any ash must be wet down. Burn barrels which are smoldering or warm to the touch cannot be accepted.

For more information about hours of operation and accepted materials for County facilities, please see our web site at www.co.mason.wa.us and click on Utilities and Waste from the list of departments on the left side of your screen, or you may call David Baker, Solid Waste Manager, 427-7771.

Mason County Utilities and Waste Management would like to thank our community partners for their support of clean air, fire risk reduction, and healthy alternatives. For more information about the Olympic Region Clean Air Authority, see their web site at www.orcaa.org

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