

NEWS RELEASE

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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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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: Changes to Environmental Health permitting process

Beginning January 1, 2010 all Environmental Health forms, payments and permit applications will be accepted at Mason County Public Health in Mason County Building 8, 415 North 6th Street, Shelton. Public Health moved into Building 8 earlier this year, combining Environmental Health and Community and Family Health into the lower level of the building at the corner of 6th and Alder in Shelton.

Environmental Health fees will not be changing for 2010; but payment of those fees will need to be separated out from building permits, pre-application conferences and other applications where Planning, Building and Environmental Health fees were previously combined. There will now be one form required for Environmental Health permits and a separate one required by Community Development for building permits.

Most application forms are available online and will be available at the front counter in Mason County Building 8. Select Environmental Health forms will also be available just inside the door at the Permit Assistance Center in Building 3.

Environmental Health Staff will be on hand at the Permit Assistance Center for a couple of weeks into the New Year to assist customers and help with a smooth transition into the new process. Customers may start using the new Environmental Health permit system now by bringing their Environmental Health applications, payments, etc to Building 8 at 415 North 6th Street for processing. They may also phone Environmental Health at county extension 400 to be directed to a specific program. Thank you for your patience and assistance during the transition.

For more information contact Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager by email at drlr@co.mason.wa.us or by phone at (360) 427-9670 EXT 358 or from Belfair (360) 275-4467 EXT 358.

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