

NEWS RELEASE

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**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
411 NORTH 5TH ST
SHELTON, WA 98584**

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: Free Tree Recycling

As we have in the past, Mason County Utilities and Waste Management will be offering free tree recycling through the end of January. Please remove all decorations and stands, and keep them separate from other wastes when visiting our sites. This service is available for residents with Christmas trees only.

Our facility in Shelton on Eells Hill road will accept trees for recycling Tuesday through Saturday from 8-4. The Shelton site will be closed New Years Day.
Our Belfair facility on Sand Hill will accept trees for recycling Tuesday through Saturday from 9-4. The Belfair site will be closed New Years Day.
Our Hoodspout site will be open Fridays and Saturdays, but will be closed New Years Day.
Our Union site will be open Sundays and Mondays, but will be closed for Martin Luther King Day on the 18th.

Another recycling consideration this season is gift wrap. Gift wrap, boxes, tissue paper, mailing tubes, paper bags, cards and envelopes can all be recycled. Please do not put ribbons, bows, foil paper, bubble wrap, foam, plastic, or string in with your paper recycling or your curbside recycling bin.

One last thing! If you are making space for new stuff, or know you'll never use the gift you got, try 2good2toss.com, instead of sending them to the landfill. This service is free to use and gives new life to unwanted items.

Here's how it works:

1. Post a listing– Register for free and post an item you would like to give away or sell (must be less than \$199).
2. Make an exchange– When you see something you'd like, contact the person directly by email or phone and arrange for pickup.

It's that easy – Check it out!

For additional information, please see our Web site at www.co.mason.wa.us, or call David Baker, Solid Waste Manager at 427-7771 or 275-4467 x771 from the Belfair area.

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