

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: Laboratory Closure Notice

Due to budgetary restructuring the Mason County Public Health Laboratory will be closing as of January 31, 2009.

In order to continue serving our customers, the Thurston County Laboratory has offered to collect Bacteriological and Nitrate samples two days per week at Mason County Building III located at 426 West Cedar starting in February. Samples will be accepted on Monday and Tuesday.

If this option works for you, submit samples starting Monday, February 2, 2009 at the above location. The fee for either the bacteriological or nitrate sample will be \$25.00. Make checks payable to Thurston County Public Health.

You may also deliver your samples directly to the Thurston County Laboratory located on the second floor of Thurston County Court House Building I located at 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW in Olympia. The laboratory receives samples Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 PM and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 PM.

For additional laboratory information, contact Mike Clark or Lisa Buechel at 360-786-5465. If you wish to establish an account with Thurston County for your water system, contact Kathy Patton, Administrative Assistant, at 360-357-2497.

An option for water testing in the Belfair area is to drop off samples at the Belfair Water District Office at 22451 Highway 3, Belfair on Monday before 4:30 PM or Tuesday before 9:00 am. Pick up is every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am sharp. This service is offered by a private water laboratory, check for cost and any special requirements at the Belfair Water District Office pick up site.

An additional option for water testing in the Shelton area is a drop off service hosted at Arcadia Drilling & Utilities at 170 SE Walker Park Road, Shelton. Pick up days are Tuesday and Thursday. This service is also offered by a private water laboratory, check for cost and any special requirements at the Arcadia Drilling & Utilities office.

Questions can be directed to Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager at (360) 427-9670 EXT 358 or from Belfair (360) 275-4467 EXT 358.

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