

**NEWS RELEASE**

**July 28, 2009**

**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: **WATER USE RESTRICTIONS for Beards Cove, Rustlewood and Hartstene  
Pointe water systems.**

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The dry spring and summer and extreme hot weather we are currently experiencing has put significant stress on the County's water systems. Beginning July 28, 2009, water restrictions are being imposed on the three systems owned by Mason County that serve Beards Cove, Rustlewood, and Hartstene Pointe until further notice. We are asking that residents of the listed communities reduce water consumption and adhere to the following guidelines designed to reduce consumption and get the most benefit from the water they do use:

- Limit outdoor watering to the hours of 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM
- Follow the odd/even-watering schedule. This means that if you have an address ending in an odd digit you should only water on odd dates and even numbers on even dates.
- Outdoor watering should be limited to one inch per week or less.
- Report all leaks or suspicious wet spots on public property and fix your leaking faucets, toilets, or water lines.
- In the home only do full loads of laundry and dishes.

Our equipment and pumps are working hard to meet demands place on these systems during these hot dry periods. Wells that normally operate three to four hours per day are running twelve to twenty hours per day. In years past Mason County has found the need to impose these restrictions during these extended periods of hot dry weather. With your cooperation we've found them to be effective tools to reduce the peak demands and low pressure episodes experienced by the water systems. For more information on water saving tips please call our office at 360-427-9670 ext. 566.

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