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— NEWS RELEASE —

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Furniture Amnesty Day is Sunday, April 10 from 8 am to 4 pm. This ONE-DAY ONLY event will be held at the Olympic View Transfer Station in Port Orchard, across Highway 3 from Bremerton National Airport. Residential customers may bring the following unusable furniture to OVTS for FREE disposal during this event:

- mattresses
- sofas
- sleeper sofas
- beds
- dressers
- baby furniture
- bookcases
- tables
- chairs
- patio furniture
- desks
- file cabinets
- entertainment centers

Garbage, electronics (computer monitors, TVs, etc), appliances, and household hazardous waste WILL NOT be accepted at this event. All loads will be prescreened on site.

“This program is designed to help Kitsap County residents get rid of those large household items that are filling their basements, porches, and garages, and to familiarize them with our Olympic View Transfer Station, which offers convenient, low cost disposal for furniture and other bulky items year-round,” said Gretchen Olsen, Kitsap County Solid Waste Division Manager. Olsen adds that the program is also an effort to reduce the number of items illegally dumped along roadways.

Residents should be sure the items they bring for disposal are not in good enough condition for reuse by local charities. The Solid Waste Division homepage at www.kitsapgov.com/sw has a complete list of locations to donate good, usable items. Furniture that is too good to toss can also be listed on the www.2good2toss.com website, sponsored by the WA State Department of Ecology and eighteen Washington counties and cities, including Kitsap. Residents may submit listings for no cost. All items listed must be for sale for \$99 or less, including for free.

Residents are reminded to secure and cover all loads. Driving with an uncovered and unsecured load in your vehicle makes you subject to a traffic violation and a fine.

When hauling materials in a truck bed or trailer, use these tips to pack your items:

- Lighter goes lower. Put lighter weight things at the bottom of the load
- Use a sturdy plastic or canvas tarp to cover your load. Tie it down with wire, rope, bungee cords, or straps
- Tie large items directly to your vehicle or trailer
- Always double-check your load
- Don't overload

This event is a cooperative effort hosted by Kitsap County Public Works and Waste Management, Inc. For more information, contact Kitsap County Public Works Open Line at 360-337-5777, email the Solid Waste Division at solidwaste@co.kitsap.wa.us or visit www.kitsapgov.com/sw.

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