



**Island County
BOARD OF HEALTH**

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October 20, 2004

Dear _____,

I am writing to invite you or your designee to an important follow-up meeting about the issue of illegal dumping and littering in Island County. Our first forum on July 20th, 2004 provided an opportunity to bring together members of our community who, through their prevention, education, regulation, enforcement and/or clean-up efforts, have been identified as advocates for actively addressing this issue. The first forum also successfully identified 3 primary barriers to disposing of waste properly in our county: 1) Education, 2) Economics, and 3) Enforcement.

This forum is sponsored by the Island County Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT) whose citizen members were appointed by the Board of Health in 2002. This group of Island County community volunteers identified illegal dumping and littering as an environmental health issue of concern for our county and they are working to develop solutions with your help and input.

The purpose of the forum:

- Facilitate communication and cooperation around the issue of illegal dumping and littering in our communities
- Review local data related to illegal dumping and littering in Island County
- Work together with other agencies, organizations and volunteers to identify potential solutions which address the primary barriers identified in first forum (education, economics, and enforcement)
- Build consensus on what solutions we can implement now to make a difference
- Plan and prepare for the next step: implement solutions

The forum on illegal dumping and littering will be held:

Tuesday, October 26th, 2004

8:00 - 10:00 AM

Coupeville Recreational Hall
Refreshments will be provided!

Please RSVP to Celine Servatius at 678-7886 or by email at celines@islandcounty.net and plan to join us for this important event as we work together to make a difference in Island County.

Sincerely,

Mike Shelton
Island County Commissioner
Island County Board of Health