

Mason County GIS Department

Data Distribution Policy

The Mason County GIS Department recognizes the value and benefits which may be gained by sharing data with other organizations, and encourages data sharing whenever possible. For Mason County, this enables access to highly-detailed, up-to-date information maintained by local jurisdictions, such as cities and utility districts. For those jurisdictions, data sharing makes available information for adjacent areas which is essential for planning and management purposes, but which they lack the resources to develop and maintain themselves. In addition, Mason County is able to obtain data for adjacent counties and other areas of the state when they are needed for County projects. The Mason County GIS Department currently shares data on an informal basis with a variety of governmental and utility organizations. The department also freely distributes data to students and consultants who are working on a project for the County Government. Private companies or any other entity not listed below, that requests data, will be charged. See the Mason County website for more details on ordering data.

If the data cannot be shared electronically (via email or FTP) but must come via standard mail; charges for materials and postage will apply. Only data that is created and maintained by the Mason County GIS Department will be shared. The GIS department requires a Data Usage Agreement be filled out by any person or organization that receives our data. See the list below for specific details on who we share data with.

Data Sharing - Mason County GIS typically shares its data with the following entities:

- Federal Agencies
- Washington State Agencies
- County Governments
- City Governments
- Public Utility Districts
- Port Districts
- School Districts
- Fire Districts
- Tribal Nations
- Transit Agencies
- Other local governmental agencies

Free Distribution - Mason County GIS typically distributes its data freely to the following entities:

- Students
- Consultants, Contractors or Organizations working on a project for or with Mason County Government