

General Information...

The goal of community service is to provide you with an opportunity to give back to the community as a consequence of your law violation. This work can be performed at an individual site of your choosing, or on a supervised work crew with other youth.

Either your counselor or a Judge orders community service. They expect you to complete the work and to do it well. If you do not, further court sanctions may be imposed.

If you need help...

www.handsonportland.org
www.volunteermatch.org
www.solv.org
www.igivewhereilive.org
www.THPRD.org

When you're done...

Return your time sheet to the Juvenile Department. We don't know you're done until we receive this.



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*Community
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*Locating
your own
community
service site*

Welcome to the Community Service Program! We want your experience with us to be a positive one. This brochure is a guide to assist you in the process of finding a site to complete your community service hours. You should choose something that interests you. We encourage you to involve your parents in this process.



Let's start with the basics...

Under Oregon law, community service must be performed for a governmental or non-profit agency, or in direct service to the needy, or in service to the victim.

For your safety community service work sites must follow the Bureau of Labor and Industry guidelines for employment of youth. Let your site supervisor know of any health or physical limitations you may have.

Important things to know...

- Treat your community service site as you would a paying job. They may provide you with a reference when you're done.
- Friends are not allowed to visit you at work. This makes a poor impression and could get you fired.
- Work according to your arranged schedule. Do not just show up unexpectedly.
- Be on time. If you cannot make it, call. Cancel only if it is absolutely necessary.
- Dress appropriately. If in doubt, ask the site supervisor.
- Follow directions and ask for help if you need it.
- Get started right away. Do not wait until the last minute to begin your community service.
- Don't ignore your assigned deadline. If you need an extension, call your counselor.
- If you are injured at the site, obtain the necessary medical attention and contact the Juvenile Department within one business day.



Other stuff...

- Some agencies require a screening interview or ask that your counselor call before they will accept you.
- You may be asked about your referral offense. Speak with them privately and be honest.
- Most agencies will not want to work with you if you are actively using drugs or alcohol.
- Libraries have asked that they receive no youth with theft offense charges.
- If you have been referred for a sex offense of any kind, please be aware that your search is limited to agencies that will accommodate a no contact order.
- If your community service was court ordered and the Judge has stipulated that you have no contact with certain individuals, you should share this with your site supervisor.
- Keep track of your hours on a time sheet. Be sure your supervisor signs it when you are done.