

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MADISONVILLE

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires that all nonexempt public housing adult residents (18 or older) contribute eight (8) hours per month of community service (volunteer work).

Community service activities include, but are not limited to, work at:

- Local public or nonprofit institutions such as schools, head start programs, before or after school programs, child care centers, hospitals, clinics, hospices, nursing homes, recreation centers, senior centers, adult day care programs, homeless shelters, feeding programs, food banks (distributing either donated or commodity foods), or clothes closets (distributing donated clothing)
- Nonprofit organizations serving PHA residents or their children such as: Boy or Girl Scouts, Boys or Girls Club, 4-H clubs, Police Assistance League (PAL), organized children's recreation, mentoring or education programs, Big Brothers or Big Sisters, garden centers, community clean-up programs, beautification programs
- Programs funded under the Older Americans Act, such as Green Thumb, Service Corps of Retired Executives, senior meals programs, senior centers, Meals on Wheels
- Public or nonprofit organizations dedicated to seniors, youth, children, residents, citizens, special-needs populations or with missions to enhance the environment, historic resources, cultural identities, neighborhoods, or performing arts
- work through resident organizations to help other residents with problems, including serving on the Resident Advisory Board
- Care for the children of other residents so parent may volunteer

Note: Political activity is excluded.

EXEMPT ADULT - an adult member of the family who meets any of the following criteria:

- Is 62 years of age or older
- Is blind or a person with disabilities, and who certifies that because of this disability they are unable to comply with the service provisions, or is the primary caretaker of such an individual
- Is engaged in work activities

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- Is able to meet requirements under a state program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, or under any other welfare program of the state in which the PHA is located, including a state-administered welfare-to-work program; or
- Is a member of a family receiving assistance, benefits, or services under a state program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, or under any other welfare program of the state in which the PHA is located, including a state-administered welfare-to work program and the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), and has not been found by the state or other administering entity to be in noncompliance with such program
- Is a member of a non-public housing over-income family. PHAs can use reasonable guidelines in clarifying the work activities in coordination with TANF, as appropriate.

FAMILY OBLIGATIONS:

- nonexempt family members must present complete documentation of activities performed during the applicable lease term.
- If a family member is found to be noncompliant at the end of the 12-month lease term, they, and the head of household, will be required to sign an agreement with the housing authority to make up the deficient hours over the next twelve (12) month period, or the lease will be terminated.
- At annual reexamination, the family must also sign a certification certifying that they understand the community service requirement.
- It is the families obligation to inform the MHA of any changes and provide documentation within 10 days.
- It is the family members responsibility to submit my hours to the Housing Authority of Madisonville on the organization's letterhead, which may be subject to validation with the organization for which I completed the required hours.