

Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Community Service Frequently Asked Questions

Agencies by City of Albuquerque Quadrant	Accept Juveniles	Other Court Cases
Weed & Litter Agencies (Map Available) City of Albuquerque, City Parks Management, Monday thru Friday, 5501 Pino NE, Bldg. C Report at 6:30AM to 3:00PM, Work an 8-hour schedule	No	No Pregnant Women; no employees of City of Albuquerque City Parks Management Department
Albuquerque Public Schools, Saturday ONLY 916 Locust SE, Report at 7:00AM, Work an 8-hour schedule	16 or Older	No Pregnant Women; no employees of Albuquerque Public Schools
Boys & Girls Club of ABQ., 881-0777	Over 16	Background check is conducted
Central NM Housing Corporation, 345-4949	Yes	
Clothes Helping Kids 266-2002 Call First	No	No Domestic Violence cases or any other type of violence.
Counseling & Psychotherapy, 243-2223	Yes	
Crossroads for Women, 242-1010	No	
Explora Science Center 224-8362	Yes	No Domestic Violence cases or any other type of violence.
Echo, Inc., 242-6777	No	
Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 255-2955	Yes	
NM Museum of Natural History, 841-2877	Yes	No Domestic Violence cases or any other type of violence.
Paradise Hills Community Center, 314-0245	No	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases.
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center 468-7800	No	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases.
St. Martins' Hospitality, 505-843-9405 Ex 243	No	No Clients of their Agency HOURS M-F 7AM-4:30PM
Albuquerque Indian Center Inc., 268-1751	No	
Animal Humane Assoc of NM, 938-7865	No	No Domestic Violence or Animal Cruelty cases
First Nations Community Health Source, 262-6573	Yes	
Habitat for Humanity 265-0057 ext 115	Over 18	No Domestic Violence, No Shoplifting cases *BACKGROUND CHECKS *
Isshin Ryu Club Inc., 764-1721	Yes	No Domestic Violence cases; Minors must report with parent for first contact
Bernalillo County Animal Care Services, 314-0143	No	No Animal Cruelty Cases, Shoplifting, Petty Larceny, Domestic Abuse, Physical abuse, Drug cases, All cases reviewed prior to work approval.
Hubbell House 244-0507	No	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases.
Joy Junction, 877-6967	Yes w/adult	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases. Open for Community Service 7 Days a Week
La Plazita Institute, 508-1802	Yes	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases
Los Padillas Community Center 468-7600	No	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases.
Mountain View Community Center 314-0297	No	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases.
Peanut Butter & Jelly, Inc., 877-7060	Yes	
Westside Community Center 314-0176	No	No Domestic Violence, any type of Violence/sexual abuse cases.
Youth Development Inc., 831-5109	Under 22	No Adults over Age 21

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What is Community Service?

Community service is labor, but it also benefits the public at large. It is an opportunity to help a governmental or non-profit agency with its work. The type of work can include clerical and janitorial to pulling weeds or building food pallets to help feed hungry New Mexicans. A Defendant may also be approved by the Court to perform community service by enrolling in job training in an academic or vocational program or by participating in a social service or rehabilitation program. Take this opportunity to be professional because sometimes an obligation can turn into an opportunity.

Where do I go to perform community service?

Attached is a list of Court approved Community Service Agencies.

Can I perform community service at an agency not on the Court's list or outside of Albuquerque?

No, unless the Judge allows you to do this. To ask the Judge for permission to complete community service at an agency not on the Court's list or out of town, you must file a Motion with the Court. Blank Motions are available in the Court's Self Help Center. You also may want to speak with an attorney about this.

How do I register for community service?

For all of the Community Service Agencies (except for Weed and Litter), you must contact the agency to schedule a date and time when you can work. You should have your Court papers with you when you register. However, if you want to do your community service at one of the Weed and Litter Programs, you do not need to call and make an appointment. Instead, you just report to the Weed and Litter agency at 7:00 A.M. any day from Monday-Sunday. (See location and schedule on attached maps.)

Can I complete my community service at more than one agency?

Yes, you can complete your hours at more than one agency so long as you complete by the due date ordered by the Court.

Do I need to take any paperwork with me when I go to the community service agency?

Yes, you must take the paperwork the Judge gave you and a government approved identification card.

Can I perform community service in payment of the fines, fees, and costs I owe to the Court?

Yes, you may perform community service (in addition to any mandatory hours of community service ordered by the Judge) as payment for the fines and fees you owe to the Court. If you decide to do this, you will receive credit toward your fines, fees, and costs at twice the State Hourly Minimum Wage Rate. However, you must keep track of the number of extra community service hours that you need to work to pay the fines, fees, and costs you owe to the Court and complete those extra hours by the deadline the Judge gave you to pay. You also can pay fines, fees, and costs by doing both hours of community service and making payments in whatever combination and amounts you decide so long as you complete/pay by the deadline set by the Court.

Can I perform community services for all of the programs and services ordered by the Court?

No, you can only perform of community services for the fines, fees, and costs owed to the Court. Examples of the types of fees that are not owed to the Court and where you cannot perform community service in payment are fees owed to CrimeStoppers, fees for treatment and counseling, for drug tests performed outside the Court, victim impact panel, or for schools that are not run by the Court. However, if you are ordered to the Court's own Driver Improvement School, Aggressive Driving School, or DWI school, then you can perform additional hours of community service in payment of those school fees. If you cannot afford to pay these fees, you must file a Motion with the Court. Blank Motions are available in the Court's Self Help Center. You also may want to speak with an attorney about this.

Can I perform community service in payment of monthly probation costs?

Yes, you may perform community service (in addition to any mandatory hours of community service ordered by the Judge) as payment for your monthly probation costs. If you want to do this, you should speak to your Probation Officer, who can provide you with a tracking form so you can receive credit toward payment of your probation costs at twice the State Hourly Minimum Wage Rate. However, you must keep track of the number of extra community service hours that you need to work to pay the probation costs that you owe to the Court and complete those extra hours by the monthly deadlines your Probation Officer gives you. You will need to turn in your tracking form with the hours you worked every month before the deadline in order to receive credit for those costs.

Can I get an extension on my deadline to perform community service or to pay fines, fees, and costs ?

That is up the Judge. To ask the Judge for an extension of your deadline, you must file a Motion with the Court. Blank Motions are available in the Court's Self Help Center. You also may want to speak with an attorney about this.

Will I be paid wages for my hours of community service, or be entitled to any benefits?

No, you will not be entitled to wages or be considered an employee of the Community Service Agency where you perform community service. You will not be entitled to workers' compensation, unemployment, or any other benefits otherwise provided by law. Also, the Court will not be held liable for any injuries or any losses sustained by you while performing your community service hours.

What happens if I don't complete my community service hours or pay my fines, fees, and costs by the deadline ordered by the Court?

If you fail to complete the community service hours or pay the fines, fees, and costs by your deadline, a Criminal Summons will be issued for you to come before the Judge to explain why you have not complied with Court orders. A Warrant also may be issued for your arrest.

How do I know when I have completed all my community service hours or paid all of the amounts I owe?

You can check the Metropolitan Court website (<http://metro.nmcourts.gov/>) or call 505-841-8151.