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Property Maintenance Assistance Guide

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Owning a place of our own is a cherished American dream. Sometimes, however, our dream becomes a terrible burden when circumstances change and we are no longer able to maintain our property. Worse yet, maintenance that is not addressed in a timely manner can lead to unhealthy and unsafe living conditions, as the property deteriorates.

The good news is that this guide can help. We have put together the best known sources of help – from labor to materials – and included other resources that can help us meet the costs of property maintenance.

So, where does one start? First off, don't get discouraged. It may take

some work to find the best solution for a particular situation. There are a wide variety of resources available, but no single source can meet all needs.

Step one is determining the need. If you cannot do the work, but can afford to hire a contractor, consider one of Harrisonville's local businesses. If you lack the finances but are financially stable, home improvement funding and low cost maintenance supplies are available.

If you are unable to afford the work or supplies, there may be volunteer groups that can help. Physical and financial issues can make it quite difficult to do home maintenance, but sometimes the hardest thing to do is to let others know there is a need.

Be assured, there is someone willing to help if they are aware of your need.

Special points of interest:

- **How to get physical assistance.**
- **How to obtain financial assistance.**
- **Item removal.**
- **Obtaining supplies.**
- **Donation of items.**
- **Other resources**

Physical Assistance Sources

When someone needs physical assistance with property maintenance issues, the following persons or agencies should be contacted, in the following order:

Family: Ask children, siblings, or other relatives to help with small needs.

For smaller projects like cleanup or minor painting,

etc., there are always small groups willing to take on service projects.

Local churches, Scouting groups, student groups and other service organizations may be good sources of help. These organizations usually have small groups that can help with cleanup, repairs and other home projects.

Contact your local church or the Harrisonville Area Ministerial Alliance at (816) 884-2431.

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Physical Assistance (cont. from page 1)

West Central Community Action Agency may be able to help with weatherization. Call (816) 380-5375.

Foreclosure counseling and landlord/tenant mediation is available from WCMCAA as they are a Housing and Urban Development approved agency.

Sources of free, donated or reduced materials are limited only by imagination.

Good sources for materials include Craig's list at kansascity.craigslist.org, the local weekly shoppers, garage sales, etc.

The Habitat for Humanity re-store is open to the public and carries a wide selection of materials and supplies. The website is restore.org.

The Department of Environmental Management has paint at greatly reduced cost. For cost and availability call (816) 513-8400.

Local businesses may be able to help as well, if they are made aware of the need and if you are flexible, their odd stock or mismatched paint may be the best bargain in town.



Financial Assistance

Mid-America Regional Council, (MARC) Department of Aging Service provides referral services to persons who are age 60 or over. Call MARC at (816) 474-4240.

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Property Improvement Loan, Title I is a program to insure loans to finance light to moderate rehabilitation of properties. Call HUD at (913) 551-5462 or (800) 767-7468

USDA Rural Development offers several home programs through the Rural Development Specialist. The contact number is (660) 679-6114. These loans

and grants may be available to very low income residents who own a dwelling in need of repairs. Call USDA at (573)876-0976.

AARP Provides information about Reverse Mortgages, a loan available to persons over age 62 whose homes are paid-in-full. The loan does not require monthly payments, but there are several caveats. For information see the AARP Website at AARP.org. Use the search box and type in Reverse Mortgage.

The United Way has a comprehensive directory of services available. Contact (816) 559-4671 for more information.

Consumer Credit Counseling (CCC) Credit counseling can help residents manage money in order to afford home improvements. The CCC provides free financial crisis services that include debt management, budgeting, consumer financing education and intelligent use of credit. Call (816) 753-0535.

The Harrisonville Ministerial Alliance may be able to help financially in emergency situations. Call (816) 884-2431.



Helping you improve your neighborhood

Other resources

Item Removal

Citywide Clean-Up: The City of Harrisonville offers a citywide cleanup for residents, usually in the spring and fall. Contact the City's Public Information Officer at (861) 380-8909 for further information.

Municipal Waste provides refuse service for the City of Harrisonville and also offers pick up of bulky items. For more information call (816) 406-9700. A guide to solid waste disposal and recycling is also available in the Harrisonville Utilities office. Call (816) 380-8900.

For Household Hazardous

Waste: The City of Harrisonville also offers a household hazardous waste drop off each year. At other times, residents can drop off waste items at the Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park, 2101 SE Hamblin Road, Lee's Summit, MO.

Recycling Drop-off: Drop-off bins for clothing, glass, paper and magazines are located throughout the City of Harrisonville.



Reduce,

Reuse,

Recycle

Donation of Useful/Recyclable Items

National Public Radio
KCUR vehicle donations.
Call 1-855-277-2346.

Public Broadcast System
(PBS KCPT) vehicle
donations. Call 1-855-519-
5278.

American
Cancer Society: vehicle
donations. Call 1-888-227-
5500.

Harrisonville Thrift Shop.
Call (816) 884-2279.

AutoZone accepts used
motor oil and batteries.
Call (816) 380-6866.

Wal-Mart Supercenter:
accepts used motor oil,
batteries and tires.
Call (816) 380-5901.



Your donation
may be tax de-
ductible.

The City of Harrisonville is committed to helping the residents of our community by providing standards that contribute to a safe, healthy and clean environment for the City. The participation of each resident is essential to maintain the quality of our neighborhoods. To assist you, we have a full selection of guidelines for the building project you desire available just inside the Codes office. We are always happy to assist or answer any questions you may have. We can be reached during business hours, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (816) 380-8958. Additional information is available on the City's website at www.harrisonville.com.

We are on the web
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