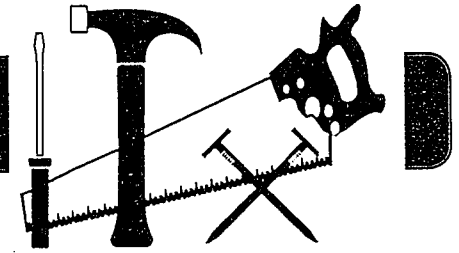


What is THE HANDYMAN PROJECT?



Mission Statement:

The mission of the Somerset County Handyman program is to provide support services to enhance the quality of life for senior and physically disabled citizens of the County. The goal is to keep these residents living safe and independent lives in their own homes, allowing them to continue to be a viable part of the community. The Handyman Project utilizes the skills and talents of local volunteers.

Volunteers:

The volunteers of the Handyman Program are local residents who come from many sectors of the community. They are business people, college students, youth groups, civic organizations and retirees. Their backgrounds and skills differ but they have one thing in common ...the desire to put their talents and time to work to make a difference in the lives of others. Volunteers are screened and must submit to a background check.

Eligibility Requirements:

Clients must be residents of Somerset County, unable to do the work themselves and without the resources to hire a private contractor. Preference will be given to residents age 60 and older and those with physical disabilities.

Type of Work Performed:

Minor home maintenance repairs that do not require permits(handicapped ramps are the only exception);safety/security modifications such as installing hand rails in bathrooms, deadbolt locks, smoke detectors, and window locks; repairing screens and doors; repairing stairs; caulking and weather striping.

Work performed by:

Trained and experienced volunteers from the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services

Fees:

All work will be performed free of charge to those eligible. However, reimbursement for parts will be expected if the client can afford it. Donations to help defray the costs of the program are always welcome.

How it works:

Handyman Program clients call or are referred to the Office of Volunteer services. After a brief intake form is completed, the client will be referred to a qualified volunteer. The Handyman volunteer will call the client to schedule an appointment at a mutually agreeable time. The client must be present while the work is being done. In addition, prior to the start of the work, the client must sign a waiver holding the County of Somerset and the volunteer harmless from any and all lawsuits.

How to get started:

Call (908) 541-5715 or 1 (888) 747-1122