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Questions?

Contact Bill Crosby in the
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The Handyman Program is provided
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The HANDYMAN PROGRAM

A Volunteer Driven Program



**Somerset County
Department of
Human Services**

***Michael J. Frost
Director***

**Office of
Volunteer
Services**

***Bill Crosby
Coordinator***

**Do you need help
at home with a
small repair?
Plumbing?
Electric?**

The Somerset County Handyman Program

was created to provide support services to enhance the quality of life for seniors 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.



Who is eligible to receive the service?

To be eligible for the service you must be:

- A senior citizen or disabled resident of Somerset County or the family of active duty military
- Unable to do the repair or task themselves
- Unable to find a contractor to do the small job



What is the cost to the client?

Clients are expected to pay for supplies but the volunteer labor is free.

Donations are accepted to help defray the costs of the program and to help pay for supplies for those who cannot afford to pay.



What kind of jobs are typically requested?

Plumbing: replace washers and valve stems, repair running toilets (*no new plumbing*)

Carpentry: minor repairs (*no new construction*)

Electric: replace sockets, switches, bulbs, or light fixtures (*no high ceiling or new wiring*)

Yard Work: the Handyman Program coordinates an annual Fall Leaf Cleanup in November

Other misc: Hang pictures, adjust storm doors, change locks, install grab bars, change batteries in smoke detectors, repair doorbells, put in/take out air conditioners, weather stripping, replace ceiling fan, oversize steps, wheelchair ramp (*must be wheelchair bound*)



If you are interested in utilizing the services of our Handyman Program please call:

**Office of Volunteer Services
Handyman Program
(908)541-5715**

Somerset County
HANDYMAN PROGRAM
APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

TRAINING & SKILLS:

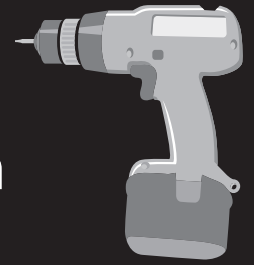
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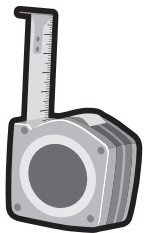
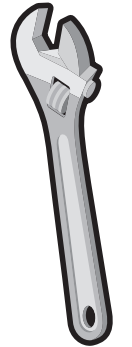
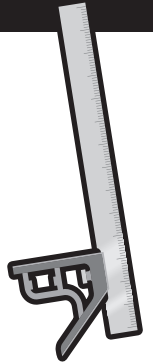
**Somerset
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What is THE HANDYMAN PROJECT?

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. MINOR plumbing, electrical and carpentry.

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