



ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
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Spirit of Service

SOS has been discontinued at this time – we will determine if a fall SOS can occur late the summer of 2021.

Spirit of Service (SOS) is an annual “Spring Cleaning” event promoted by local businesses and organizations. Program volunteers will invest up to an entire day helping homeowners by performing yard work or minor maintenance on their homes. The home **must be owner-occupied** and the homeowner must be unable to do the work due to age or other limitations. While there are no income guidelines for this program, we do require your completion of the attached form for statistical purposes. Homes must be located in Helena, East Helena, or the Helena Valley. **Priority will be given to homeowners who have not been helped within the last three years.**

The service is free of charge to the homeowners. The organizations involved provide the tools, labor and materials required to do the work. **The work the volunteers perform is limited to typical spring cleaning chores such as grass cutting, hedge trimming, raking, trash removal, window washing, cleaning of rain gutters, and some painting.** Interior work is not a part of the program and volunteers are restricted from entering the homes. The volunteers come from various businesses and organizations in the Helena area and are not trained construction, painting, or landscaping professionals.

If you feel that you or someone you know would be eligible for this service, please call Tommy Driscoll at Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc. (Rocky) at 406-457-7377. You can also mail or bring the application to the following address:

Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.
SOS Program
200 South Cruse Avenue
PO Box 1717
Helena, MT 59624

All applications are considered and evaluated, however not all are accepted and scheduled because of volunteer limitations. Representatives of the SOS Program visit the homes to assess applications and the request in advance of the selection process.

As we get closer to our 2020 Spirit of Service event and work on the selected property, we contact newspaper and TV stations to secure media coverage of the event. We get our own cameras out to photograph our crews hard at work, too. Ordinarily, media crews make half a dozen stops among SOS homes. In advance, it helps us a great deal to know whether you are comfortable with photos or interviews.

Please carefully read the guidelines and answer the questions on the application form.



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Homeowner Guidelines

SOS is for seniors, veterans, or individuals with disabilities living in **owner-occupied homes** who are unable to do the work themselves because of age or other limitations.

Once all applications are collected, Rocky employees or partner volunteers will make appointments and visit the homes of all applicants to be sure of what needs to be done.

If your home is chosen for Spirit of Service, you must agree to the following:

- ✓ Allow the Helena Transfer Station or Tri-County Disposal to put a dumpster on your property a day or two prior to SOS Day if needed. If necessary, allow debris to stay at your home until Saturday for pickup by the Boy Scouts.
- ✓ Allow a porta-potty on your property a day or two prior to SOS Day if needed.
- ✓ Do not add anything to the scope of the project after the visit by SOS employees or partner volunteers.
- ✓ Remember that those helping you are volunteers and cannot be asked to do more than what can be accomplished during their volunteer day per this agreement.
- ✓ Understand that volunteers can only paint one-story homes/garages and no outbuildings.
- ✓ If paint is needed, I agree as homeowner to sign off on a paint sample so that the correct shade/color is used.

I/we agree to the guidelines outlined above:

Homeowner

Date

Homeowner

Date

SOS Coordinator

Date

Spirit of Service Application and Authorization
Deadline: TBD

Name of Homeowner (recipient): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Date of Application: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

What type of simple yardwork (mowing, weeding, cleaning windows & gutters etc.) are you requesting?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Typically, about half of the volunteer groups available are capable of painting and completing repair projects like deck restoration. We can't guarantee that your home will be assigned a technically qualified volunteer group, but it is still a possibility. Are you requesting any complicated or labor-intensive projects like painting and repairs? If so, please list them here:

- _____
- _____

Will you be at home on event day or alternate ___ Yes ___ No
I am willing to be photographed with the work crews or at my home. ___ Yes ___ No
I am willing to visit with a reporter and be photographed with my home. ___ Yes ___ No
I own and reside in the home listed above. ___ Yes ___ No
I am a veteran of US military. ___ Yes ___ No

The Undersigned hereby RELEASES, DISCHARGES, AND WAIVES any claims, actions, or suits of any character, name and description whatsoever that the Recipient may have against Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc.'s Spirit of Service Program, its directors, officers, agents, and employees, and the volunteers as the result of the presence of the volunteers on site.

The undersigned has read and fully understands this agreement, and has not been offered any additional consideration or enticement, and the Undersigned executes the agreement fully for the purpose and consideration expressed above.

Disclaimer: Please understand that although we will try our best to accommodate your needs, we may not be able to provide service with your home this year or work on all projects listed on this application. We will do our best to provide service to you that fits the capabilities of our crew. Please initial below.

_____ I understand and accept the above statement.

X _____ Date _____
Recipient's Signature

***The following statistical-gathering questions are optional for you to complete. While this is not an income-based program, it is important to Rocky and our grantors to have demographic information. This information will not be attached to your name in any way, and the work we will do for you is not dependent upon this information.
Thank you for your cooperation.***

Race: (check all race categories that apply)

- White American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian American African American
 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Other _____

Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic/Latino Hispanic/Latino

Gender: Male Female

Number in household: ___ If two or more, is one person a caregiver? Yes No

Monthly household income: (check the box that best represents your monthly household income)

- 1 Under \$990 2 Under \$1,335 3 Under \$1,680 4 Under \$2,025
5 Under \$2,370 6 Under \$2,715 7 Over \$2,715

Disabled? Yes No Veteran? Yes No

If you are **under** 60 years of age, is your spouse over 60? Yes No

If you are **under** 60 years of age, are you disabled and living with someone over 60? Yes No