

**COMMUNITY SERVICE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES  
CLARK COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



As a condition of every diversion agreement, the Clark County Attorney's Office requires the performance of a set number of hours of community service, which varies according to the severity level of the offense diverted. For purposes of every diversion agreement entered into by the Clark County Attorney's Office, the following guidelines are offered:

1. Community service is unpaid. Any work performed by a defendant for which the defendant is paid is a job, not community service.
2. Community service work shall be performed for (i) a non-profit entity, regardless of 501(c)(3) designation; (ii) a government entity, such as a local school, city, or county; or (iii) a religious institution. In rare circumstances, the Clark County Attorney's Office may allow a defendant to perform community service for an individual who needs assistance (e.g., an elderly neighbor), but any such activities must be approved by the Clark County Attorney's Office prior to commencing community service. Work performed for a business, even if unpaid, is an internship, not community service.
3. Community service must be supervised or verified by a member or employee of the organization. Thus, time spent gathering items for donation to Good Will does not qualify.

**Any work that falls outside the foregoing guidelines will not count toward the community service requirement.** Some examples are provided below.

**Community Service**

- Cleaning a city park with supervision of city employee
- Volunteering at a local senior center, nursing home, food bank, or animal shelter
- Assisting a local charitable organization, such as Kiwanis or Rotary Club
- Coaching a youth sport
- Helping out at a local county fair
- **Becoming a CASA volunteer**
- Teaching or helping with a Sunday School class
- Volunteering with the Special Olympics
- Painting houses for Habitat for Humanity

**NOT Community Service**

- Cleaning property belonging to a private business
- Volunteering at a cooperative or for-profit business, i.e., an unpaid internship
- Setting up a website for a charity unless performed on charity premises (no supervision)
- Planning a fundraiser (no supervision)
- Tutoring friends (no supervision)
- Babysitting (not a charity, government entity, or religious institution)

Other activities may qualify as community service. However, the Clark County Attorney's Office will make the final determination as to whether an activity qualifies as community service; when in doubt, defendants should contact the Clark County Attorney's Office prior to performing any community service. Defendants must keep a detailed log of all community service activity, which must be submitted to the Clark County Attorney's Office for approval prior to the termination of the diversion agreement; any community service not reported on the log will not count toward the diversion agreement. Community service may be performed in a defendant's home town, a neighboring town, or in Clark County.