



Public Housing Association of Residents (PHAR)

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Community Service Hours Get the facts!

Myth: “Every resident has to do community service.”

Truth: You must do community service if you are under the age of 62, unemployed and you do not have a disability, are not taking classes, are not involved in a formal vocational program, and are not part of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Myth: “I know that I have to do community service hours, but I can’t find anywhere to perform them.”

Truth: There are many creative and positive ways to perform your community service requirement, these can include; attending community meetings, Housing Authority meetings, volunteering for PHAR, and performing positive projects in my neighborhood.

Myth: “I have to do 96 hours of community service this year”

Truth: You only have to do 8 hours per month – only for the months you are unemployed.

Myth: “I’ll get evicted if I don’t do 96 hours in my first year”

Truth: You cannot be evicted for not doing your hours **in the first year**. You have the right to sign a written agreement with the Housing Authority stating that you will make up those hours in your second year (plus 8 hours each month you are unemployed in the second year). If you cannot show the Housing Authority that you will finish your hours by the end of the second year, then they can refuse to renew your lease and they can start the eviction process.

Questions? Call PHAR at 984-3255