

Environmental Health and Safety

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Community Awareness

Did You Know?

There are approximately 4,000 homeless individuals in Portland and 700 in Clark County.

More than 1 in 7 Americans rely on food assistance programs.

There are over 70 parks in Vancouver, WA. 5 are within a mile of Clark College.

About 7.6 million pets enter animal shelters each year. Only 30% are adopted.

Volunteering is shown to increase mental and physical well being.

25.3% of Americans volunteer.



Clark County has many programs available to those in need of shelter, food and general assistance. The Clark College Workforce Education office has a number of flyers with specific locations/programs (links on reverse). Although you may not need assistance yourself, knowing the programs before you need them is always a good idea.

If you are looking to give back to the community, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available. Organizations are always looking for volunteers and have many different volunteer opportunities based on your skills.

For those interested in community activities, there are several community centers located in Clark County that offer many types of services. Everything from community gardens, classes, camps, and fitness centers are available to the public.

Community Programs and Volunteerism

[Volunteering Bulletin](#)

[Community Bike Center](#)

[Marshall/Luepke Community Centers](#)

[Firstenburg Community Center](#)

[City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation](#)

[Friends Of Trees](#)

[Columbia Springs](#)

[Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge](#)

Where to go

Check for lost animals or to adopt a pet:

[Oregon Humane Society](#)

[Southwest Washington Humane Society](#)

If you or someone you know needs shelter:

[Share](#)

[Homeless Shelters](#)

If you or someone you know needs food:

[Oregon Food Bank](#)

[Clark County Food Bank](#)

For counseling and general assistance:

[YWCA](#)

[YMCA](#)



Resources:

[Public Benefits](#)

[Hot Meals and Food Pantries](#)

[Housing and Rent Assistance](#)

[Vancouver Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Clothes, Furniture and Housewares](#)

[Clark County Green Business](#)

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