

# Community Service Order

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## Introduction

An order to complete community service encourages the young person/adult offender and the community to take responsibility for engaging in criminal activity and to participate in its resolution.

## Objectives

By performing community service the young person/adult offender not only repays the community for the harm done but has the opportunity to find outlets in the community for developing skills, new interests and abilities. Rather than being punitive, community service focuses on young person/adult offender responsibility and accountability.

## How Community Service Orders work

When appropriate, the court will order a young person/adult offender to perform a set number of hours of community service.

The service involves meaningful activity which, whenever possible, relates to the young persons/adult offender's interests, skills and abilities.

The young person/adult offender must be willing to participate in the program. Community service can be for a maximum of 240 hours and must be completed as directed.

Failure to complete community service may result in a new charge.

People who participate in community service may:

- work with the disabled, senior citizen groups or provide services in hospitals;
- assist volunteer groups in a variety of community projects;
- provide services to victims, such as repairing vandalized property; or
- provide light maintenance work for non-profit organizations.





### Supervision

The ultimate responsibility of ensuring that the young person/adult offender completes community service work rests with the probation officer.



### Community Involvement

The Community Service Program has been operating in New Brunswick since January 1977. To date, there has been strong support for the program from the various communities in which it is operating. The program has involved a wide range of community, municipal and provincial government agencies, service clubs, church groups and individuals in providing community services.

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