# Issues Facing Our Community: WATER, SEWER & YARD CARE

# **OVERVIEW**

People living in poverty often experience inadequate housing with high energy costs. Issues with water and sewer such as plumbing or wells are additional costs for households beyond their already high monthly expenses. Families struggling to pay for these services may sacrifice nutrition, medicine and other necessities, which compound the effects of inequality. Yard Care is an additional burden due to physical limitations and health problems.

# **SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS**

Local services that have programming or the ability to assist with water/sewer/yard card.

- Pope/Douglas Waste Mgmt.
- Menards
- Love INC
- Habitat Re-store
- City
- Zion Church
- HRA
- USDA
- Insurance

- Legal Services
- Caring & Sharing

## **NEEDS**

Volunteers for yard upkeep Equipment for yard upkeep Access to assistance Disposal of:

- Christmas Trees
- Mattresses
- Electronics
- Appliances

#### Services for:

- Water pipes
- Wells
- Sewer

Volunteers to assist Consultation services Mediation clients/services Diverse service options:

- Mobile homes
- Rural

Emergency shelter options

#### UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT COALITION

The coalition's strategic intent is to create long lasting impact in our community in the areas of education, income, and health by serving as a resource in identifying and meeting community needs, as well as being a resource to one another. Meetings take place once a month and are open to the community.

Learn more at www.uwdp.prg



## **BARRIERS** TO MEETING NEEDS

Program funding
Mobility/disability
Service hours
Landlords not enforcing
Safety of volunteers
Liability
Insurance
Weather
Risk of eviction

- POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
- Knowledge of resources
- Communication with city
- Market disposal days
- Accountability

- Payment Plans
- Funding

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