

# 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

## POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- 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

## THE 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.

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## BARRIERS TO MEETING NEEDS

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