

## **DIVERSION PROGRAM**

### **Jail Division/Community Service**

**400 Walnut St., Muscatine, IA 52761**

The Diversion Program/Community Service is operated by Officer Van Est of the Muscatine County Jail Division. The length someone has to complete the sentence can vary. This information can be found in your court documents. The Jail Diversion phone number is 319-212-0140. You may leave a message with your name and phone number if there is no answer.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Your own gloves and safety glasses if you prefer. Most people prefer to bring their own lunch or money to buy something while out. The jail can also provide an optional cold sack lunch. We also recommend bringing some type of water source to stay hydrated.

**CONTACTING YOU:** It is important that the officer have a telephone number to contact you. Sometimes the program can be closed for a day or two unexpectedly or the hours of operation can change. It is important not to wait until the final days to complete your sentence. The hours and days could change unexpectedly.

**WEATHER:** Be prepared for the weather. We will work in any weather conditions. Drink Plenty of fluid to keep you hydrated on hot, humid days. Dress accordingly for cold weather.

**DRESS/CLOTHING:** You may wear long pants or shorts. Many people prefer jeans as we may be mowing and walking ditches. Please do not wear good clothing. Shorts that are too short, clothing with large holes in them, clothing that is revealing or saggy in any way will not be permitted. If the jail diversion officer feels that you are not dressed properly, you may be sent home to change. Closed toed shoes are required. Please do not wear flip flops or sandals, they are not permitted. Safety is very important to us. Gloves and protective eye wear can be provided or you may bring your own. Please remember that you are in the public eye.

**TYPE OF WORK:** The type of work will include seasonal labor, including but not limited to: operating a weed eater, pulling weeds, dumping trash, collecting recycling, painting, staining, moving furniture, trimming bushes, cleaning up after a storm, washing/waxing vehicles, picking up trash from highways, etc. Therefor dress in an appropriate manner.

**WORK DAYS:** The workday is 8am to 4pm. The work week will vary. Please call the Jail Diversion phone number listed above for the work schedule. We will meet in the jail lobby at 400 Walnut St., Muscatine, IA 52761. Do not be late. Arriving late could result in not being able to work and get credit for that day.

**ELECTRONIC MONITORING:** Some participants will need an electronic monitoring system. You can find out if you are required to do this in your court documents. The jail diversion officer will also know if you need this. You will be given instructions on how this device operates and when to return it.

If participants have issues with Jail Diversion Officers, they may contact the Jail Administrator at 563-262-4190.