

**Frequently Asked Questions  
Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention  
Community Corrections Division  
Community Work Program (CWP)  
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**What is the Community Work Program (CWP)?**

The Community Work Program (CWP) is often referred to as “work crew”. CWP is an alternative to serving your term of confinement in secure detention. Participants perform manual labor such as landscape projects.

**How do I report to begin my CWP obligation?**

Your court order will indicate your report date and how you are to contact the Community Work Program.

**What days and hours do I work?**

When you contact CWP, you will be referred to a Program Coordinator who will assist you in making a schedule. Your work day is 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. CWP operates Monday through Saturday. Saturdays are usually reserved for people who are employed or attending school.

**What is a typical work day like?**

You are assigned to a work crew supervisor who takes a group in a van each day to a contracted work site. You depart from downtown Seattle for your job site and return to downtown Seattle at the completion of the work day.

**What do I wear?**

Work is performed outdoors in all weather conditions. Rain gear and work gloves are provided. You are encouraged to dress for the weather. Sandals, tank tops and shorts are not allowed.

**Should I bring a lunch?**

Yes. You must supply your own lunch.

**Can I keep my job?**

Yes.

**Will CWP call my employer?**

If you are employed, you must provide verification of employment to CWP which is usually through pay check stubs.

**Can I bring my children, family members or friends with me to CWP?**

No. You must report to CWP alone.

**Can I use my cell phone while working at CWP?**

Cell phones, pagers and MP3 players are not allowed while you are working on CWP crews. They may be used on breaks at the discretion of the work crew supervisor.