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New Caseload Assignments

About every two years, the Department of Housing Services switches caseload assignments. We just had a caseload switch effective March 1, 2014. The new assignments are listed on our [contact page](#).

Washington County/City of Beaverton Citizen Survey

You can help identify needs for affordable housing and community development!

Every five years, Washington County and the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro coordinate on the development of a Consolidated Plan. This plan outlines how they intend to assess community needs and prioritize use of federal funds for housing and community development based on those needs. In order to help assess needs in the community, input is needed from citizens like you.

Click here to take the survey. Your responses will help determine how to prioritize funds from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2010, based on the needs you identify in the community.

Responses to the survey are requested by Friday, April 4, 2014.

Time for Spring Cleaning!

Spring Cleaning can help you...

...experience less stress and better health. Clutter can be stressful. It can weigh on your mind. Getting organized can help you relax!

...get creative. Have fun while reorganizing your space and freshening it up!

...feel good by doing good. When you declutter, you can help others by donating things you no longer need.

...get a fresh start. Many people have a hard time getting rid of things they no longer use. But if you have items that no longer fit into your life, you can breathe new energy into your home by clearing out things you no longer need.

...enjoy a sense of accomplishment. Spring cleaning is a big project that has a big payoff. It's hard work, but it's worth it. Enjoy the victory and reward yourself with a favorite activity in your newly refreshed home!

For tips on Spring Cleaning, visit [The Beehive](#).

Spring is also a great time to [practice your home safety plans and test safety equipment](#) such as smoke detectors.

For a list of green cleaning recipes and tips, visit the [Oregon Metro Green Cleaners](#) page or download the [Hazardless Home Handbook!](#)



Spring Safety Check-Up

Outdoors

As the weather gets better and people head outside for fun, keep these tips in mind to make sure everyone has a safe and fun outdoor adventure!

1. Do a helmet check. Oregon law requires all youth under age 16 to wear a bicycle helmet. Oregon Department of Transportation recommends checking and adjusting the helmet's fit before each ride. For 7 steps to a perfectly fitted bicycle helmet, [see the ODOT guide](#).

2. Protect skin from the sun. Just because the sun isn't at its brightest in the spring, it's still a good idea to protect skin from UV rays. For information on finding a good sunscreen for you and your family, visit the [American Academy of Dermatology Sunscreen FAQs](#).

3. Test outdoor toys. If your family includes children, check any outdoor toys that have been stored or not used for a while. Look for loose wheels, sharp edges, rust, and other hazards. Make sure toys are in good working order before anybody uses them. For more tips, visit the [National Network for Child Care's Toy Safety page](#).

4. Stay hydrated. When engaging in outdoor activities, it's important to stay hydrated. Experts at [Harvard University](#) [recommend drinking water](#) when thirsty and avoiding sports drinks, which can add unneeded calories and sugar. Some sports drinks contain the equivalent of 10 teaspoons of sugar!

Inside the home

1. Test your smoke alarm(s). The [National Safety Council](#) recommends checking the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms when you change your clocks.

2. Plan (and practice) a family escape route. If you don't have an escape route from your home, now is a great time to plan one! Download the free [Fire Escape Plan](#) from [SafeKids.org](#).

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