

SEATAC MUNICIPAL COURT

Jail Alternative Program



Program provided through
TUKWILA MUNICIPAL COURT

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Would you like an alternative to serving time in jail?

If you are given the Jail Alternative Program as an option to a jail commitment, you may participate in one of the three program alternatives.

Pre-Trial and Post-Sentence Electronic Home Monitoring is for defendants that have been *ordered by the judge to be monitored electronically.*

Community Work is for defendants who have been given a limited amount of time to serve in jail and who would like to perform volunteer work for a non-profit agency instead.

Day Reporting is also for defendants who have been given a limited amount of time to serve in jail. Some may have chosen not to volunteer work hours and some may not be eligible to work in the community.

Electronic Home Monitoring

Q: Who may apply?

Defendants ordered to be on EHM.

Q: How much does it cost?

This program is free as if is utilized *instead* of pre-trial confinement in jail. If it is post-sentence, the cost is \$10 per day, plus a set-up fee.

Q: What would I have to do on this program?

Participants wear an ankle bracelet that tracks their location and comply with a “curfew” set up by the Jail Alternative Specialist. A breath test machine may be required.

Q: How much credit would I earn?

Under most circumstances, 1 day on EHM equals 1 day in jail, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Q: Would I still be able to go to work and appointments?

EHM is done in your own home and your schedule is created with your input to allow for work, treatment and medical appointments.

Q: Do I have to have a phone?

Yes. You must have a landline phone and must be willing to de-activate features such as call waiting and call forwarding. Cell phone options may be available as needed.

Community Work Alternative

Q: Who may apply?

Defendants that are given the program as an option to a jail commitment.

Q: How much does it cost?

\$25 application fee, PLUS \$10 per day. **Payment is due in full prior to serving your community work alternative.**

Q: What would I have to do on this program?

Participants perform volunteer hours at a non-profit agency that has agreed to work with the Court on this program. A wide variety of work duties and schedules are available.

Q: How much credit would I earn?

7 hours of work equals 2 days in jail.

Q: What if I am disabled in some way?

There is a wide variety of work available from office work to manual labor. The Jail Alternative Specialist can help you find an agency.

Q: How many days in jail must I be ordered to serve to be eligible?

You must be ordered to serve at least 2 days in jail.

Q: Can I earn partial credit if I don't finish the required number of work hours?

No. You will not get credit for work hours unless you complete the full amount.

Day Reporting

Q: Who may apply?

Defendants that are given the program as an option to a jail commitment.

Q: How much does it cost?

\$25 application fee, PLUS \$10 per day. **Payment is due in full prior to your report date.**

Q: What would I have to do on this program?

Participants contact and report to the *Tukwila Municipal Court* as scheduled and spend 8 hours at the Court watching Court hearings and/or watching educational videos.

Q: How much credit would I earn?

2 days in Day Reporting equals 3 days in jail. A full day of reporting is from 8:45am – 4:45pm.

Q: What can I bring with me to Day Reporting?

You may bring paper, a writing utensil, a bottle of water and a book. Food and electronics of any kind are not allowed during reporting, but are acceptable during the 1 hour lunch break.

The information in this pamphlet should answer many of your questions if you are interested in learning more about the Jail Alternative Program. If you have any further questions, please contact the Jail Alternative Specialist at (206) 433-1858.