

Stockbridge-Munsee Division of Community Housing
Policy for Lawn Care and Snow Removal Services

Purpose:

To assist in determining who may be eligible for basic lawn care and snow removal services for Elders and Disabled persons by the Tribe. The services provided by the Tribe and this policy are meant to be a supplemental service to help with lawn care/snow removal and to ease the burden on our elders/disabled persons. This service is NOT designed to be the elder/disabled persons only source of lawn care/snow removal. Services are dependent on staff, equipment, resources, nature, etc.

In order to manage both services the following will be required:

1. All persons must complete and sign an authorization form
 - a. Authorization forms can be obtained at the Housing Office or on-line at Mohican.com.
2. Disabled persons must provide proof of disability and attach it to the Authorization Form. Acceptable proof: verification of disability status from Social Security Administration, verification from 2 medical providers, or verification from any Federal, State or County programs that recognize you as disabled to qualify for their program.
3. Surviving spouse of enrolled member must be age 62 and provide the name of deceased spouse.

Policy:

I. Eligibility:

1. Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled elders aged 62 years and older
2. Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled disabled person
3. Surviving spouse of Stockbridge-Munsee enrolled member and 62 years of age and older.

II. Service Area:

The 1856 Treaty Boundaries of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Reservation which includes the two Townships of Bartelme and Red Springs and will also include the Villages of Gresham and Bowler, WI.

III. Residency:

The eligible participants primary residence MUST be the address they provide on the authorization. Questions of residency may require verification by providing a copy of a Tribal Council approved lifelong lease, current lease, property tax info or land assignment. A person may only receive services at one address.

IV. Services:

By signing the Authorization for Lawn Care/Snow Removal Form you acknowledge that by requesting these services, you accept the inherent risks from these activities. The Tribe is not responsible for any damages caused to vehicles, homes, windows, or any items on lawns due to mowing or flying debris resulting from mowing/weed eating and/or damages

resulting from the pushing, piling, etc. of snow during plowing/shoveling, except for damage due solely to the negligence or misconduct of tribal employees.

1. Lawn Care: mowing and weed eating
 - a. Mowing of lawn will be a maximum of 100 feet around the perimeter of the home, no expansions will be allowed. If your yard is smaller you will only get the area you have. If your yard is larger you will only get the 100 feet around the perimeter of home.
 - b. Lawn area grass must be less than 8 inches long.
 - c. Lawn must be cleared of all objects that prevent the lawn from being properly and safely mowed without causing damage to property: toys, bicycles, garbage, large rocks, brush, lawn ornaments that are moveable, dog feces, etc. A lawn may NOT be mowed if these conditions are present.
 - d. Lawn Care services are NOT provided to anyone under the age of 62 years of age unless person is disabled.

2. Snow Removal: plowing and shoveling
 - a. Snow removal will only occur after 3 inches or more of snow has fallen.
 - b. Plowing will be completed on the driveway only
 - c. Gravel driveways will NOT be plowed if the ground is not completely frozen in order to protect damage to the driveway and equipment.
 - d. Shoveling of main entrance will be done at time of plowing if needed.
 - e. Driveways, entrances and walkways must be cleared of personal items/objects that could be damaged. This includes any area that snow may be pushed, piled, etc. with snow.