

Frequently Asked Questions

How will I know where to go? Prior to starting the program, a participant completing OWP days for APAD, DETER, DOC Felony Probation or Specialty Court must Pre-register with Willa Browdy 941-749-3051 Ext. 6815 at the Manatee County Probation Office, 1051 Manatee Avenue West, Hensley Wing, 5th Floor. Call to schedule an instruction appointment.

What should I wear? A program participant should report wearing clothing suitable for manual labor in prevailing weather conditions, unless you are to work indoors. If you are directed to wear protective clothing, you must comply. Wear footwear appropriate for work. Athletic shoes with slip-resistant soles are recommended. No shorts, tank tops or open toe shoes will be allowed. NO CLOGS OR FLIP FLOPS.

What happens if it is raining? A program participant is required to report to the Offender Work Program Headquarters, 1640 60th Avenue Drive East, Oneco, FL. 34203, regardless of the weather with the only exception being if hurricane conditions exist. If the weather prevents work from being done, the program participant may be redirected to other jobs. If the weather makes travel unsafe, the participant will be notified of any cancellation.

PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

The program participant must demonstrate good conduct during the hours of work and put forth a good effort to complete the required task. Both conduct and effort are reported by the on-site supervisor. The participant is not allowed to receive visitors while working or to make any telephone calls. Absolutely no personal property is permitted with the exception of lunch items. Failure to obey all of the program rules could result in the imposition of a sentence at the Manatee County Jail.



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MANATEE COUNTY PROBATION OFFENDER WORK PROGRAM

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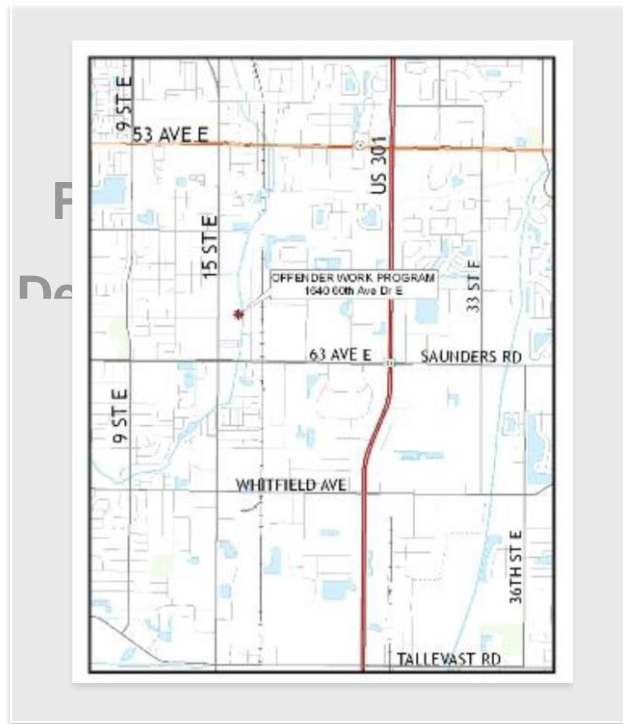
**Hours of Operation
Monday – Sunday
7:30am – 3:30pm**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Offender Work Program participants, both male and female, will perform manual labor at non-profit County, City and Government organizations/agencies for no wage. This program can accommodate up to 40 program participants on a daily basis. The minimum number of days an offender is required to participate is one day per week. The offender will generally work an eight hour day; beginning at 7:30 am and will include a 30 minute lunch and two 15 minutes breaks during the day, until 3:30 pm. Personnel from the Manatee County Probation Office will supervise program participants. Attendance, conduct and compliance of program participants will be documented by Probation personnel.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This program will provide a sentencing alternative for offenders who could be given the option at the time of sentencing to perform various labor activities for the benefit of the community in lieu of incarceration at the Manatee County Jail. The program participant is repaying his debt to society by working in Manatee County thereby saving the taxpayer money. The Offender Work Program can be an extremely useful jail management tool.



Manatee County Offender Work Program
1640 60th Avenue Drive East
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BUS SERVICE TO THE PROGRAM

If you don't have transportation, the Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) offers bus service from Desoto Station. Route 16 will take you to the corner of 15th Street and 60th Avenue Drive East. You must be on the 7:05 am. bus to arrive on time. The fare is \$1.50. EXACT CHANGE IS REQUIRED.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

At the time of sentencing, the Judge will need to specifically order as a condition of Probation, that the offender enter and successfully complete a certain number of days in the Offender Work Program pursuant to program rules. If you are ordered OWP days as a condition of Probation your Probation Officer will instruct you at your initial appointment.

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Participants will work at duties based on the person's knowledge, skills and abilities. Start time is at 7:30 am Sharp!

Participants in the Manatee County Offender Work Program are limited to offenders serving a probationary sentence which may include non-violent, low risk cases supervised by the Manatee County Probation Department and pending Violation of Probation cases.