

Maryland Day to Serve 2016

Frequently Asked Questions from June 22 Webinar

Q: What events does the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives participate in outside of the September 10 to October 10 timeline?

A: Throughout the year, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives oversees the Governor's Office of Service and volunteerism, Volunteer Maryland, community affairs and engagement within the executive branch of Maryland government, faith-based outreach, and the governor's eight ethnic and cultural commissions.

Q: What events are specifically encouraged or "counted" for Day to Serve?

A: All community service and volunteerism events fit within Day to Serve. And all organizers of these events, no matter how big or small, are encouraged to register their event!

Q: If our organization does a recurring weekly service event, should we register those that happen during the September 10 to October 10 Day to Serve timeframe?

A: Yes! For example, if you host an event every Tuesday, then make sure to register those Tuesday events from September 10 to October 10. We want to build awareness of all Maryland organizations that commit to service throughout the year, and encourage them to participate in Day to Serve.

Q: Can building a playground fall under the neighborhood improvement category for Day to Serve events?

A: Yes! That is just one example of how to get involved in your community.

Q: Is there a deadline for submitting an event for the Day to Serve Initiative?

A: The last day to participate in a Day to Serve event is October 10, 2016. Please register all of your events by then. The earlier you register, the better – it helps you attract more volunteers looking to participate in a service project.

Q: How many volunteers do we need for our Day to Serve event?

A: There is no minimum number of volunteers needed for your Day to Serve event. You can have five neighbors cleaning up your street or 500 people volunteering at a food bank.

Q: Are there any resources on the Day to Serve webpage that will help us recruit volunteers for our event?

A: Yes! Once you register your event, it will show up on the Day to Serve map of Maryland. Volunteers can search for events in their community. Also our office will promote your event through our social media.