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Gaithersburg Hoarding Task Force



A multi-member team approach to working with City of Gaithersburg residents to make their home environment more livable and safe.

Helpful tips for family and friends:

- **Hoarding is often a chronic behavior.** It can be managed, but not “cured.”
- **People who hoard often have a problem with decision making.** An effective way to help is to focus on developing this skill.
- **Cleaning and organizing are better left to professionals.** They are trained and experienced. It often takes a team approach to succeed.
- **Don't let the “stuff” take over your life and your relationships.** Build positive relationships that have nothing to do with the hoard.
- **Change takes time.** Often it must be managed on an ongoing basis.
- **The safety of the person who hoards is most important.** Focus on exits, stoves and bathrooms first.



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The mission of the Gaithersburg Hoarding Task Force is to assist and support people and their families who are in need as a result of hoarding behaviors. The Task Force strives to raise awareness and educate the community and other service providers about hoarding issues and the resources available.

Services include:

- Service Coordination
- Code Compliance Consultation
- Professional Organizing
- Emotional Support and Counseling
- Educational and Support Groups
- Community Workshops and Consultation

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