

# **SWEEPS KILL:**



## **A KNOW-YOUR-RIGHTS ZINE FOR PORTLAND'S HOUSELESS COMMUNITY**

**PEOPLE'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL COLLECTIVE SWEEPS SUPPORT HOTLINE  
844-206-2005**

In Portland and cities across the U.S., the state and its agents are aggressively attempting to criminalize and erase unhoused people from public life. The state routinely destroys or impounds living spaces, unjustly takes property such as tents, warm clothing, food, and medication, and denies people the right to exist in public spaces. Police, neighborhood associations, private security, and even park rangers are all part of this hyper-policing of unhoused people.

Knowing your legal rights is one tool in the fight for survival in this capitalist, imperialist state. While knowing your rights will not stop the police from

## **Abolish the law. Abolish lawyers.**

We recognize that the legal system is inherently racist. Lawyers are gatekeepers and profiteers to an unjust system. Lawyers have an inherent self interest in the continuation of this system. Based on their proximity to the state and ability to access resources due to their privilege, lawyers directly benefit from this racist system. Marginalized people are pushed out of what is considered to be legitimate practices of 'legal work.' This especially includes Black, brown and Indigenous legal workers who must fight on the front lines on a daily and inter-generational basis for survival within completely unjust and racist systems. Homeless people, sex workers, trans, disabled people, and immigrants are legal workers. For state recognized lawyers to begin to be truly radical, lawyers must not be responsive to the narratives of the state.

We recognize that people with privilege and access to power and resources never give it over without a struggle. We are past the point where privileged, housed, abled, cis, white people can continue to sign-wave. If you benefit directly from this fucked up system, your organizing reflects that. Reparations is about the transfer of resources lawyers have access to due to their access to a racist system. Reparations is about transferring the risk. If we want to take down the system, then lawyers must show up in real ways and in the ways that marginalized people ask. To any state-sanctioned lawyers reading this, you are used to your status quo, but need to realize that status quo is a racist, transphobic, homophobic, ableist and colonial. Let go of the things you have acquired through your privilege.

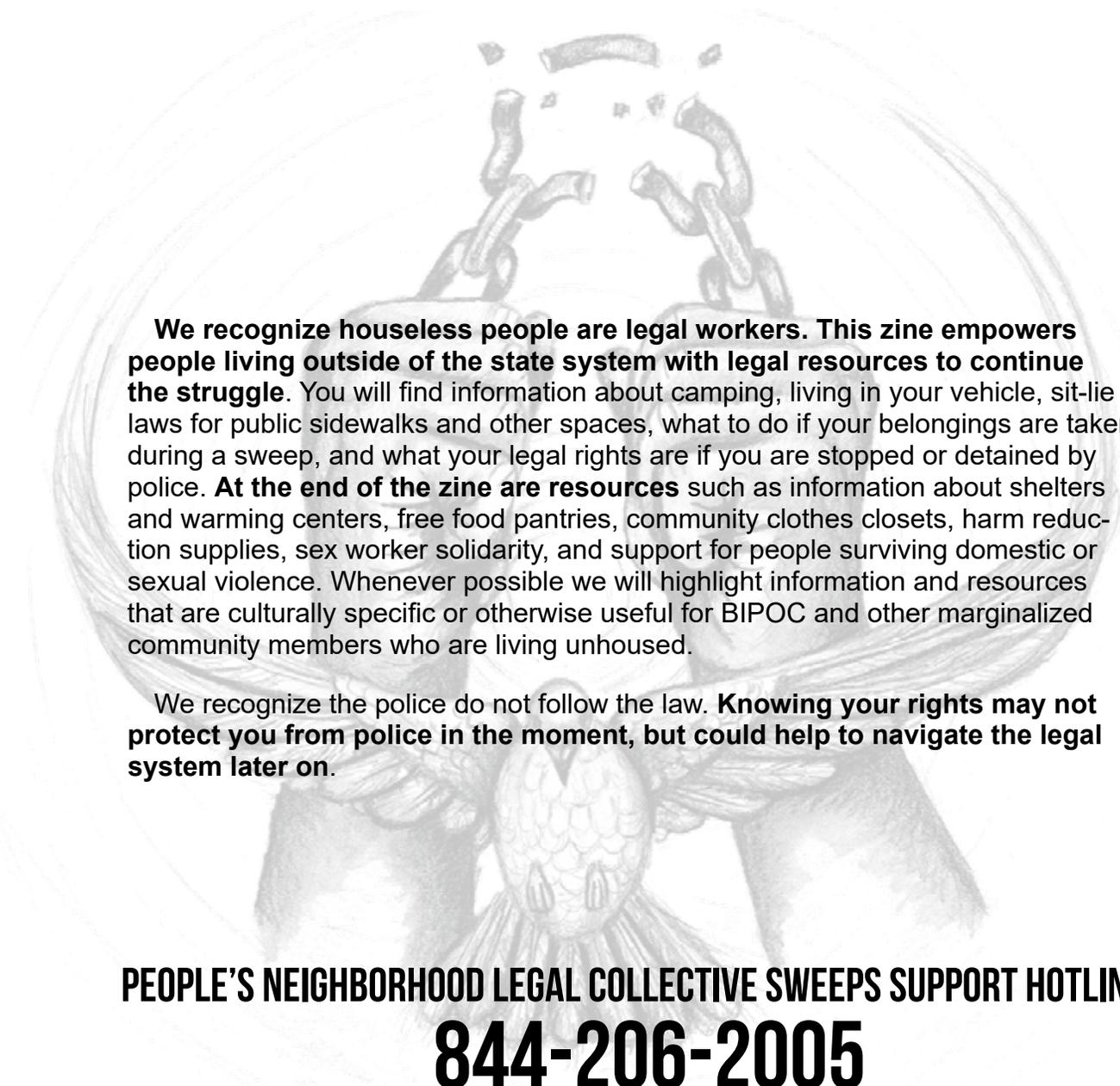
Ask yourself: What does it mean to show up for Black lives? How do you benefit from the continuation of the state and Prison Industrial Complex as a white, formally educated person? We are tired of those already on the fringes, with the least access to resources, taking the most risks in our movements. Maybe you have access to the state through your job as a teacher, lawyer, doctor, or mental health care provider? In what ways are you continuing and re-enacting a narrative of white supremacy via the systems you persist and benefit from? In what ways can you leverage your privilege and positionality to make an actual impact? If you think you have too much to lose because you have a house or a job, why do you expect those without houses, access to safe health care and jobs to take those risks?

violating your rights in that moment or prevent police brutality, it could help you negotiate your safety in the moment or fight back later on. It is also important to acknowledge that the injustice system, including policing and police interactions, is deeply flawed and harmful. It works that way on purpose. The system denies people their dignity and steals thousands of lives each year. While every unhoused person is targeted by these attacks, Black brown, and indigenous people, LGBTQIA+ people, women, immigrants, disabled people and sex workers are especially targeted for police violence and other forms of violence in camps, shelters, and social services.

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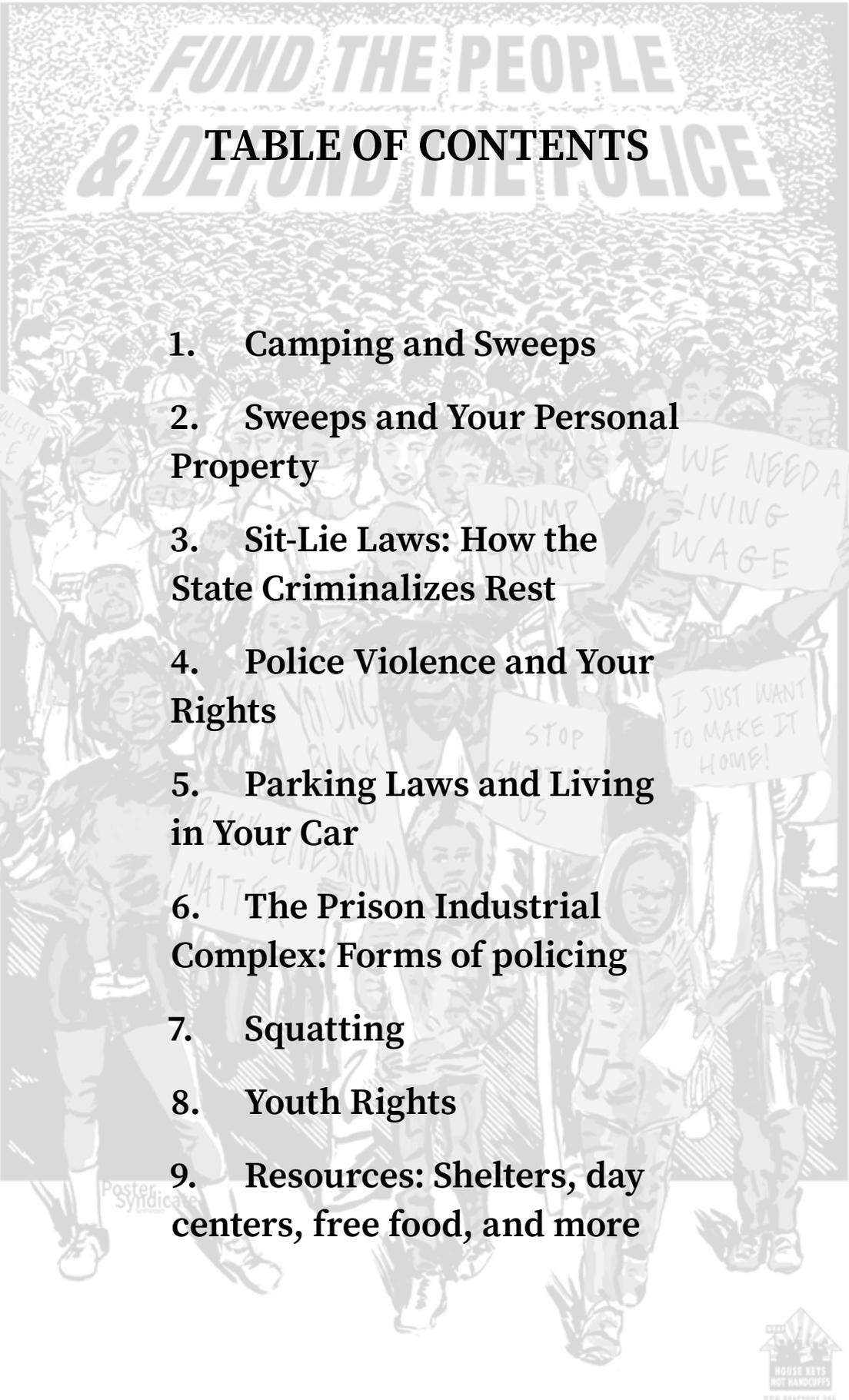
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A large crowd of diverse people is shown in a black and white illustration, holding various protest signs. The signs include "ABOLISH I.C.E.", "WE NEED A LIVING WAGE", "DUMP [unclear]", "STOP [unclear]", "I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT HOME!", "MATT'S [unclear]", and "POSTER SYNDICATE". The background is filled with many more people, creating a sense of a large gathering.

# **FUND THE PEOPLE & DEFUND THE POLICE**

- 1. Camping and Sweeps**
- 2. Sweeps and Your Personal Property**
- 3. Sit-Lie Laws: How the State Criminalizes Rest**
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- 5. Parking Laws and Living in Your Car**
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- 7. Squatting**
- 8. Youth Rights**
- 9. Resources: Shelters, day centers, free food, and more**

# CAMPING AND SWEEPS

Portland's city code defines a campsite broadly to include anywhere you place a sleeping bag or other bedding or any stove or fire. Any time you establish or maintain such a space, the city says you are camping. Camps are homes.

*The city and police protect wealth, privilege, state power, and private property. Camp sweeps are a form of state violence.*

**Stop the Sweep's People's Neighborhood Legal Collective:**  
844-206-2005 | *If you or someone you know is being swept, experiencing police brutality, or harassment by police or housed people, call the hotline for legal and direct ground support as well as neutral sweep observation.*

Washington County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation all own "public" land in the city of Portland.

Camping on Portland city property is technically illegal under Portland's city code, except when the mayor declares it allowable due to an emergency. In stride with the city's criminalization and erasure of houseless people, the city's ongoing housing emergency does not allow camping on city property. Here is some basic information about camping on public and private land:

- Permits are required for putting up any structure on public property.
- You can sleep in your car if you're not violating traffic or parking rules.
- You can camp on private land with permission. If a religious institution allows car camping on their property, they are supposed to also let people use toilets, hand-washing facilities, and trash disposal facilities. No more than three vehicles can be camped at a single religious institution.
- If you camp on private land without permission, you can be removed without notice. If a private property owner destroys your belongings, you may sue in small claims court to recover damages.
- Depending on who owns public land, different rules may apply. Metro, Tri-Met, Union Pacific, Multnomah County, Clackamas County,

## **Look out for each other**

*Criminalization and over-policing of unhoused people is often based on small, unavoidable, or made-up infractions. Fear of being targeted can lead to a culture of policing each other within the houseless community. Instead, think about ways to build community and trust with other unhoused people by practicing harm reduction and looking out for one another. Find others who think this way and work with them! No matter what, never further the state's agenda of criminalizing houselessness. Destroy the cop in your head and don't talk to the police.*

**Who sweeps?** The Portland Police Bureau and private security companies contracted by the city and state sweep camps. In Portland, it is almost always Rapid Response, in collaboration with the sheriff and cops who are often present or who sweep on their own.

**Who decides to sweep?** The City of Portland has a “one point of contact” system. When people make a complaint about a camp, the city typically sends out Rapid Response to make an assessment. Based on a series of criteria, such as how many structures are there, how much trash is present, etc., the city may decide to sweep. The City decides when to sweep a camp and typically uses or fabricates the following pretexts to justify a sweep:

- Drug use or drug paraphernalia
- Trash
- Being close to a school, playground, or private residence
- Environmental impacts
- Blocking a sidewalk, bike lane, doorway, or public maintenance activity
- You’re on a marked “no camping/no trespassing” property.
- Based on the size of your camp, including how many tents you have up
- Reports of violence or crime (property owners often snitch)

**When can the city sweep?** The City of Portland requires the following before sweeping a camp from public property:

- Post a notice in English and Spanish at least 24 hours before removing a camp.
- Once a camp is posted, the sweep must occur within 7 days.
- The city is also supposed to inform a local social service agency before removing a camp.
- You cannot be cited for illegal camping in the two hours before the notice was posted.

**Once a 24-hour notice is posted:**

- When the cleanup crew shows up, you are entitled to a reasonable amount of time to collect your belongings and leave the area. Usually this means an hour, but maybe less depending on the circumstances.

### ***Beware of fascists***

*Houseless people are constantly targeted by state fascism. Civilian fascists are also actively organizing houseless communities to target Black, brown, and indigenous people, LGBTQIA+ people (especially women, femmes, transgender, and nonbinary people), people with disabilities, and other poor and unhoused people. Don't talk to fascists and don't trust them.*

- The notice remains effective for 7 days. This means that the camp could be swept at any time within the following week, and may be swept multiple times during that week. It's best not to return to that campsite during the 7 days, even if you know it has already been swept.

- The agency that sweeps your camp and takes your belongings must give you a property receipt if you ask for one. They must document all items found at the camp.

- Police must give you a business card if you ask for one.

**Are there any loopholes?** Police may avoid giving the 24-hour notice by claiming that:

- Other illegal activities are occurring at the camp.
- There is an emergency or immediate danger to camp residents or others.

**What happens to my stuff?** Once a sweep occurs, the City of Portland is required to:

- Store all personal property for at least 30 days.
- Make stored property available to anyone wishing to claim it.

*To camp together or alone? Whether to camp alone or in a group is a personal decision, and is especially complicated when you know that you may be targeted for sweeps or harassment based on your race, gender, age, sexuality, disability, immigration status, or other factors. Generally, if you can find a few people you can trust, you are safer having others around, especially for protection and witnesses to police violence. Strategies include joining an established camp, setting up a smaller camp with people you trust, or just choosing a site where you are close enough to other campers that you could call for help if you needed to. Sisters of the Road, Right 2 Survive, and Rahab's Sisters are good resources for finding out about existing camps. See the end of this zine for a list of shelters and other warming spots.*

### **Community connections**

**Sisters of the Road** (133 NW Sixth Ave) is open and serving meals Tuesday-Saturday, 10AM-2PM. **The Trans Houseless Community Brunch** (facebook.com/pdxtranshousing) happens on the third Saturday of every month. **Right 2 Survive** also holds two monthly general meetings (right2survive.org). All of these are good spots to learn about community groups, projects, and resources. See the end of this zine for more info.

# SWEEPS AND YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY

The state goes to extreme lengths to protect private property, especially property belonging to wealthy people, homeowners, and business owners. The state also defines property differently for people who are housed versus people who are unhoused. If you are houseless, the state does not consider belongings such as food, clothing, medication, and camping materials to be property in the same way these things would be inside of a privately owned or rented space. This double standard increases the harm of camp sweeps, because people not only lose living space but also material goods that are essential to survival.

Police have been known to not return property after sweeps, or to throw it away. **If you are present when the camp is being swept, always ask for a property receipt.**

## RECLAIMING YOUR PROPERTY

In Portland, stored property will likely be held by the PPB Property and Evidence Division:

2619 NW Industrial Way, Suite B-4  
Hours: M-F, 9AM-12PM and 1-4PM  
TriMet: Bus #15 or #77

Call ahead to make sure your belongings are available:  
**(503) 823-2179.**

If you don't know what law enforcement agency swept your camp, or if you can't locate your belongings, call the City of Portland Office of Civic Life and ask for assistance:  
**(503) 823-4000.**

### **ReportHatePDX**

*Did you know that you can anonymously report police violence against yourself and other unhoused people?*

***ReportHatePDX.com** tracks violence against marginalized individuals and communities, including unhoused people. You can report camp sweeps and other forms of police*

*violence and have it recorded as a bias incident. Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) will use the information to push the City of Portland for things like more funding for services, and not sweeps.*

## IF YOUR THINGS WERE TAKEN AND YOU NEED SUPPORT REBUILDING

- **JOIN PDX Day Center** is open M-F from 10AM-3PM, at 1435 NE 81st Avenue, Suite 100 (Max Red, Blue, or Green line to NE 82nd Ave). The Day Center has a community clothes closet M/W/F from 9:30AM-12:30PM. Day workers can also assist with other resources.

- **Free Hot Soup and Boots on the Ground** are both volunteer groups that do direct outreach and support, including meals and supplies. Facebook is a good way to get in touch with these groups. Free Hot Soup has servings M-F at Director's Park at 6PM.

- **Transition Projects Resource Center** is open daily from 8AM-4PM, at 650 NW Irving Street.

## SIT-LIE LAWS: HOW THE STATE CRIMINALIZES REST

The law on most Portland sidewalks is “No Intentional Blocking.” This means you are legally allowed to sit or lie down along the curbside as long as there is no signage saying you can’t, and as long as you don’t prevent people from using the Pedestrian Use Zone. You can be cited for blocking passage on a sidewalk or obstructing the entrance/exit to a building.

- The Pedestrian Use Zone is the part of the sidewalk within 6 to 8 feet of the building (opposite the curb) that is closest to the building. This area is zoned for pedestrians, meaning people who can easily move to let others pass. Pedestrians include people who are on foot or using a mobility device, even if they are not actively moving.
- Before being cited for improper use of a sidewalk you must be issued a written warning.
- Personal belongings in the Pedestrian Use Zone can be confiscated. If this happens, you will likely have to pay to get back your things.
- If you are cited you can do community service instead of paying a fine. The maximum fine for violating the sidewalk ordinances is \$250. You can request community service, which is at the judge’s discretion.

## HIGH PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AREAS

Downtown Portland and the Rose Quarter are both classified as High Pedestrian Traffic Areas. This means you can be cited for improper use of a sidewalk if you sit, lie down, or place objects anywhere on the Pedestrian Use Zone between 7AM and 9PM.

In most places, you are allowed to set down bags and other belongings if you keep them within arm’s reach. **On some blocks, the Pedestrian Use Zone extends to the entire sidewalk.** By law you are not supposed to sit, lie down, or place objects anywhere on these blocks. These areas, known as Irregular Pedestrian Use Zones, include the north side of SW Morrison between 6th and Broadway (across from Pioneer Courthouse Square) and along the south side of SW Taylor between Park and Broadway (next to Columbia Sportswear), among other places.

- An Irregular Pedestrian Use Zone will be marked by a sign that says “This Sidewalk is For Pedestrian Movement Only.”
- Look for brass markers installed on the sidewalk. These markers indicate the border between the Pedestrian Use Zone and the non-pedestrian portion of the sidewalk.

## CITY PARKS

City parks are restricted places, with many anti-houseless restrictions:

- You are not allowed to sell goods or services or play music for money.
- You cannot lie down on a picnic table or set up a tent or campsite in a public park.
- You cannot take garbage into a park for the purpose of disposing of it.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash of not more than 8 feet while in parks, except in designated off-leash areas. You also cannot tie any pet to any park structure, railing, fence, tree, or plant. (These restrictions do not apply to service animals.)

**Pioneer Courthouse Square is designated a city park, with additional rules:**

- There is no smoking within the square.
- You cannot lie down on the benches within the square.
- MAX platform can only be used for the purpose of waiting for, boarding, or deboarding a train.

## IF YOU ARE EXCLUDED FROM A PARK

- Park rangers and police have the power to issue an exclusion from a park if they claim you broke a law there. Exclusions ban you from entering that park for at least 30 days.
- You can never be excluded from a park for exercising your constitutional rights, including your right to free speech. Despite the law, police frequently abuse their authority and target and harass unhoused people.
- Police must give you a warning before issuing an exclusion. However, in practice this does not always happen. You may receive an exclusion without warning if police claim that you are:
  - Doing something they claim you've already been warned about.
  - Using alcohol or controlled substances.
  - Causing injury to other people or their personal property.
  - Committing a felony or misdemeanor under state law.
  - Violating the parts of city code that ban:
    - Skateboarding.
    - Indecent exposure.
    - Soliciting prostitution.
    - Possessing or using banned weapons.
    - Relieving yourself in public (you cannot be given an exclusion without warning for peeing on a permeable surface like grass, mulch, or dirt).

## APPEALING AN EXCLUSION

If you are excluded from a public park, the exclusion must be in writing and say which law(s) you broke. If you have been banned from a park, you can appeal to the City's Code Hearings Officer. Appeals must generally be made within 10 business days of receiving the exclusion. To appeal, you must submit the following materials in person, by fax, or by postal mail to the Code Hearings Office:

1. A completed appeal form.
2. A copy of your written exclusion and a written explanation of why you are contesting it.
3. Any additional documents you plan on showing at your hearing.

You can find the appeal form online ([www.portlandoregon.gov/hearings/article/641334](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/hearings/article/641334)), or pick up a form at the Code Hearings Office: 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 3100. The office is open M-F, 8AM-noon and 1PM-4:30PM, excluding city holidays. You can drop off or fax your appeal forms to (503) 823-4347. The office does not accept email. If you have questions or need help, you can call them at (503) 823-7307.

If the Code Hearings Officer upholds your exclusion, and you want to appeal further, you may go to Multnomah County Court. Consult an attorney for help with this process.

- Exclusions last 30 days.
- If you have two exclusions within a 2-year period, this period is lengthened to 90 days.
- After your third exclusion within a 2-year period, it will last 180 days.
- The police often tack on fines, community service, or jail time when issuing exclusions.
- Temporary waivers from your exclusion are available for purposes of work or for specific events. To get a waiver contact the Code Hearings Office at (503) 823-7307.

## PEDESTRIAN PLAZAS

The only currently designated pedestrian plaza is Ankeny Alley in Old Town. These are areas that have heightened restrictions catering to businesses. There is no sitting or lying down in these areas. You may exercise your right to free speech in a pedestrian plaza, but you may not do so in a way that is said to limit the ability of others to enjoy the space. Your expression must be completed in a “reasonable” amount of time—an arbitrary distinction.

Like the restrictions with city parks, you may not play music or perform any other act while seeking donations, nor may you set up a tent in a pedestrian plaza. Also as in parks, all dogs must be kept on a leash of not more than eight feet. If your pet leaves waste in the plaza, you must clean it up immediately.

Police may exclude you from a pedestrian plaza if you violate the law there. The rules are exactly the same as the rules for parks exclusions, described above, with an important exception: unlike in parks, you can be excluded from a pedestrian plaza while you’re exercising your constitutional rights if you are doing so in a way that is said to prevent others from enjoying the space, or for any amount of time that is deemed unreasonable.

## BUSKING, JUGGING, AND SP’ANGING

- You have the right to ask for money—it’s free speech! However you may get a citation for trespassing if they ask you to leave.
- If you are juggling at a gas station you may be cited for trespassing and made to leave.
- You may not sell merchandise on the sidewalk in the Central City Plan District or within 250 feet of a library, park, school, or stadium. This district stretches from the West Hills to SE 12th Avenue, and from the Lloyd and Pearl districts to Powell Boulevard and South Waterfront.

Link to map if we want to include a graphic? <https://beta.portland.gov/cc2035/about-portlands-central-city-and-cc2035-plan>

- You can perform music on the sidewalk so long as the sound doesn’t carry more than 100 feet and you move to a new location every hour. You may not perform music in any designated pedestrian plazas, which are reserved for pedestrian movement.

the most vulnerable  
among our community are  
being swept away... again.

THE ECONOMIC INJUSTICE OF EPIDEMICS

# THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX: FORMS OF POLICING

The Prison Industrial Complex (PIC) is a web of oppression that spans from state police to courthouses to neighbors who call the cops rather than minding their own business or dealing directly with conflict. The PIC is how the state carries out violence through both formal and informal mechanisms of policing. Below are just a few examples of many.

**Neighborhood groups:** Neighborhood associations (NAs) and online networks like Nextdoor are typically started by housed people, especially gentrifying homeowners, who want more power in their new neighborhood. A decent NA can do things like recognize its own role in gentrification (and subsequently, more people sleeping outside), push back on developers and business districts, educate housed neighbors about the racist and classist history of neighborhood development, and defend the rights and dignity of unhoused neighbors. Unfortunately, it's a lot more typical for NAs to carry out the state's agenda by pushing out people of color and policing unhoused neighbors and

projects that support them—all while claiming a grassroots organizing ethic. The Montavilla and St. Johns neighborhood associations are both notorious for their aggression and violence toward unhoused neighbors.

## ***Legal statutes cited in this zine***

ORS 203.082.

Portland Code § 14A.50 Conduct Prohibited on Public Property

Portland Code § 17 Public Improvement

Portland Code § 20 Parks and Recreation

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/>

**Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT):** ODOT is responsible for most of the land that is not owned by individuals, companies, or the City of Portland, including all the land running alongside the highway. ODOT is responsible for placing hostile architecture (namely, boulders) alongside those highways to prevent people from living on their land. Like all state agencies, ODOT favors the interests of businesses and private homeowners, especially when those interests are represented by neighborhood and business associations.

**Trimet and public transportation:** Public transportation targets Black and brown people, youth, and people who are poor or unhoused for random stops and fare checks. Fare resistance is an effective form of protest if it is coordinated and widespread. If you are caught alone and evading fare, you can be fined between \$75 and \$175—which is obscene and anti-poor. Trimet has also recently built an \$11-million dollar jail where it can detain and interrogate people caught resisting fares on Trimet busses. Why couldn't that money have gone to supporting free public transportation?

More info on fare evasion: <https://news.trimet.org/>

# SQUATTING DURING THE 2020 UPRISING

A squatter is someone living on private property owned or rented by another. In some states squatters have rights. In Oregon, squatters do not have specific rights.

Squatting on private property is trespass. There are many zines on how to successfully squat and avoid being charged with trespass, or so we have heard. When squatting in a house, apartment or trailer, squatters are not guaranteed the same rights as legal tenants. In Oregon, tenancy can only be established through oral or written rental agreement. However, if squatters claim to be tenants when confronted by police, the police often advise landlords to remove the squatters through a civil process, rather than remove the squatters themselves or charge squatters with a crime. Police do this in order to avoid potentially removing someone who is a legitimate tenant, which would be a violation of their 4th Amendment due process rights.

However, if there is clear proof of trespass, such as security footage of breaking and entering or a confession of trespassing by the squatter, police are more likely to treat it as a criminal trespass and remove the squatters without a civil process. Police have been known to enter squatter-occupied buildings and trailers without warrants or knocking

## PROCESSES TO REMOVE SQUATTERS

Cops advise property owners and landlords to use **eviction** or **ejectment** claims to remove squatters.

**Eviction.** The property owner files for eviction, known as a “forcible entry and detainer” (FED) claim, to evict the squatter. Forcible entry and detainer refers to unlawful holding by force. FED claims are usually resolved quickly as they take place in a specialized housing court. These claims usually only concern landlord-tenant relationships. Situations that fall under FED/eviction include:

- Remaining in a house/apartment after nonpayment of rent under a lease or after the lease is up.
- Placing or driving a vehicle onto property without permission from the property owner.

While landlords must give notice that they’re trying to evict in most cases, they do not have to give notice if it concerns a recreational vehicle on their property without their consent.

If the property owner’s eviction claim is successful:

- Law enforcement receives a court order to remove the squatter. Even if the eviction claim is successful, landlords are not allowed to remove squatters themselves.
- If personal property is left behind, the landlord is required to store the property in a safe location and send written notice to the former occupant. The former occupant then has 30 days to pick up their personal property before the landlord can dispose of it.

**Ejectment.** Ejectment is a lawsuit where someone is suing for a court judgment awarding their own property back and stating the other person there must leave. Most squats fall under ejectment rather than eviction since eviction usually concerns rental agreements between landlords and tenants. Ejectment claims are heard in the regular civil court, rather than a housing court, so they usually take much longer to conclude.

Other considerations for eviction & ejectment:

- Through each court process, a squatter on private property should be able to remain in place.
- Property owners & landlords are not allowed to use force or violence in the removal of a squatter.
- While landlords & property owners should not be changing the locks during either of these processes, a squatter may have difficulty bringing a successful claim against these actions since they don’t have the same rights as legal tenants.
- If a property owner’s claim is successful in either court, police can then forcibly remove the squatter. Neither process is necessary to remove those camping in tents on public or private property, which is covered elsewhere.

# CRIMINAL TRESPASS

When looking to see if a criminal trespass occurred police consider factors such as whether “No Trespassing” or “Private Property” signs are posted or if there are broken windows. Factors that police consider in determining whether an occupant is a tenant include whether utilities are in the occupant’s name, furniture has been moved in or mail is sent to the occupant at that address.

## **Criminal Trespass charges.**

- Entering or remaining unlawfully in a motor vehicle or upon premises is second-degree criminal trespass, a Class C misdemeanor and is punishable by up to 30 days in jail, a fine of up to \$1,250, or both.
- If the trespass occurs in a building or trailer that is regularly or intermittently inhabited, it is a first-degree criminal trespass and a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in jail, a fine of up to \$6,250, or both. Damage to the property can result in additional charges, such as criminal mischief and burglary.

## **COVID-19 Moratorium on evictions**

Oregon issued a moratorium on evictions of residential and commercial tenants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This may apply to squatters claiming they are legal tenants. Under the state’s order,

- Landlords cannot evict any residential tenancy for not paying rent, utilities, service charges or late fees.
- The moratorium lasts through the state’s emergency period, currently set to expire September 4, 2020. After the emergency period expires, tenants have a 90-day “grace period” in which to pay the outstanding balance. If a tenant wishes to utilize this grace period extension, they must notify their landlord.
- When a landlord notifies a tenant of the balance owed, they may offer an alternate voluntary payment plan for payment of the balance, but the notice must state that the alternate payment plan is voluntary.
- A landlord cannot report a tenant’s nonpayment as delinquent to any consumer credit reporting agency.

# RIGHTS FOR YOUTH

## **Education**

Under federal law, U.S. school districts have certain special obligations to children experiencing houselessness:

- Every school district must have a liaison to work with their houseless students. The Liaison’s job is to help children experiencing houselessness enroll in school and with academic assistance.
- If a child becomes houseless during the school year, her family can choose to keep her enrolled in her current school, or to transfer to the school closest to the location where she actually lives.
- If a child is not staying with her family, this right to choose belongs to her.
- Federal law also protects a student’s private records, including information about a child or youth’s living situation or houseless status.
- A school district or charter school must waive graduation requirements that exceed state requirements for students who experienced houselessness at any time from grade 9 to 12.
- A school district or charter school must also accept any credits earned in another school by a student who experienced houselessness at any time from grade 9 to 12, and apply those credits toward graduation requirements if the credits satisfied graduation requirements in that other school.

# CHANGE PRIORITIES

## RIGHTS FOR YOUTH

### Housing

- A youth age 16 or 17, or any youth who is pregnant or parenting and living with his or her child, can contract for a residential dwelling unit and utility services, if the youth is living apart from a parent or legal guardian.

## RESOURCES

### Shelter and transitional housing

No matter where you first seek help finding shelter or housing, how soon you can access most of these resources will be determined by a screening process called coordinated access. To learn more about **the coordinated access screening process** and questions you'll be asked, see: <http://ahomeforeveryone.net/coordinatedaccess>.

### Call 2-1-1

211 has general, up-to-date information about shelter space in Portland Metro. Call

2-1-1; text 898-211; or search

[211info.org](http://211info.org).

## SHELTER RESOURCES FOR YOUTH (24 AND YOUNGER)

- Janus Youth: 1635 SW Alder St. The county's main access point for youth shelter and transitional housing. Drop-in intake available daily from 9-5PM, or call: (503) 432-3986.
- Outside In: 1132 SW 13th Ave. Drop-in health clinic, including hormones and STI screening. Also offers support changing your name and sex on ID, accessing housing, and getting healthcare. Daily drop-in hours.
- SMYRC/New Avenues for Youth: 1220 SW Columbia St. Drop-in activities and resources for queer and trans youth, including meals, showers, laundry, counseling, and peer support. Hours are M: 4-8PM; TH: 4-6PM; F: 4-8PM. Use the side door next to the parking lot and press the buzzer to enter.

### Shelter resources for adults (25 and older)

- **Transition Projects Resource Center: 650 NW Irving Street | (503) 280-4700** Portland's largest adult and family shelter provider, with eight shelters in Portland Metro. Transition Projects is one of the county's main access points for adult shelter and transitional housing. Open daily from 8AM-4PM.
- **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Metro HomeShare: 10011 SE Division St., Ste 314 | (971) 271-5195** Matches housed people with people in need of housing in an effort to use unused portions of people's homes to both help the housed person make rent and create housing for someone who is in need.
- **Blanchet House Men's Residential Program: 310 NW Glisan St | (503) 241-4340** Offers free, clean and sober, transitional housing programs for men.
- **Catholic Charities: 2740 SE Powell Blvd | (503) 688-2659** Helps with emergency financial assistance and runs a financial wellness program in addition to providing housing, housing resources and a food pantry.

## CD **ADDITIONAL ACCESS POINTS FOR HOUSING** have abandoned the most among us. **SUPPORT**

- **Asian Health and Services Center**  
9035 SE Foster Rd, Portland | (503) 872-8822
- **El Programa Hispano Católico**  
333 SE 223rd Ave., Suite 100, Gresham | (503) 669-8350
- **Cascade AIDS Project (LGBTQ, HIV+)**  
520 NW Davis St. #215 | (503) 223-5907
- **Cascadia Behavioral Health**  
2415 SE 43rd Ave. | (503) 230-9654
- **Independent Living Resources (Disability related support)**  
1839 NE Couch Street | (503) 232-7411
- **Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization**  
10301 NE Glisan St | (503) 234-1541
- **Latino Network**  
410 NE 18th Ave, Portland, OR 97232 | (503) 283-6881
- **Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)**  
5135 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland | (503) 288-8177
- **SAGE Metro (LGBTQ Seniors 55+)**  
1737 NW 26th Avenue (at Thurman St.) | (503) 224-2640
- **Urban League of Portland (African American/Black/African)**  
10 N Russell St. | (503) 280-2600
- **VA Community Resource Center (Veterans)**  
308 SW 1st Ave., Lawrence Building | (503) 808-1256
- **Quest Center for Integrative Health**  
1831, 2901 E Burnside St. | (503) 238-5203

### **Street Roots:**

For more resources,  
look for the Rose City  
Resource Guide from  
Street Roots

## **DAY SPACES AND WARMING SHELTERS**

### **Rose Haven**

Day space with meals and showers for women, children, and gender-nonconforming people.

627 NW 18th Ave. | (503) 248-6364

M-F 8:30AM-12PM and 1PM-4PM

Wednesdays closed at 3PM.

### **JOIN PDX**

Day space and housing retention center with mail service, hygiene items & nutritional support.

1435 NE 81st Ave #100 | (503) 232-7052

Open Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 12-2pm

Hot meals available Monday & Wednesday, mobile showers are on site on Fridays.

### **Montavilla Emergency Warming Shelter**

A queer/trans organized, low barrier shelter. Rooted in anti-racist, trauma informed, and harm reduction approaches to community care, and mutual aid.

St. Peter & Paul Episcopal, 247 SE 82nd Ave, Portland | (503) 893-4833

Open 7pm- 7am whenever the overnight low temperature is forecast to be 32° or below

# VOUCHERS FOR HOTELS OR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

## Catholic Charities

Providing affordable and supportive housing, financial empowerment, mental health & counseling, pregnancy and parenting support, legal services, intensive case management and more.

2740 SE Powell Blvd, Portland | (503) 231-4866

Open 8:30am-5pm weekdays, Closed Saturday & Sunday

## Outside In Community Health Clinic

An all-ages, sliding-scale clinic offering transition-related healthcare, STI screenings, and more. The Outside In ID Project offers financial aid and navigation support for people needing to change name and sex markers on state and federal IDs.

1132 SW 13th Ave, Portland | (503) 535-3800

Open 8:30-5pm Monday & Friday,  
8:30-5pm Tuesday-Thursday, Closed  
Saturday & Sunday

## DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SUPPORT

- **Bradley Angle: (503) 235-5333.** 24/7 domestic violence support including safety planning, emergency shelter, and longer-term housing assistance.
- **Call to Safety: (503) 235-5333.** 24/7 crisis line for anyone experiencing domestic violence or sexual violence. Call to Safety advocates can connect you to other services and support.
- **Victim Rights Law Center: (503) 274-5477 x5.** Free, confidential legal assistance for queer and trans people surviving domestic and sexual violence. Services include ID change support for birth certificates, state and federal ID, and immigration documents.
- **Disability Rights Oregon: (503) 243-2081.** Provides support for disabled people being abused or neglected in domestic living situations.

## ADDITIONAL HOTLINES

- **Stop the Sweep's People's Neighborhood Legal Collective: 844-206-2005** | If you or someone you know is being swept, experiencing police brutality related to the uprising, call the hotline for legal and direct ground support as well as neutral sweep observation.
- **People's Crisis Line: 503-200-7993** | Does not work with police. Provides a hotline and on the ground support for crisis relief, prevention, safe companions for relocations and those in mental health crisis to **protestors and affected communities including houseless folks.**
- **ReportHatePDX:** Report online at <https://sites.google.com/view/portland-tracks-hate/home> or in person at any Portland United Against Hate member organization
- **STROLL & Bad Date Line:** Sex worker outreach, support, and solidarity project run by and for sex workers in Portland, Oregon. Includes peer support and a bad date line. Email: [workingitinportland@gmail.com](mailto:workingitinportland@gmail.com)
- **Trans Lifeline: (877) 565-8860** | Trans-led organization that connects trans people to the community, support, and resources they need to survive and thrive.
- **Portland Immigrants Rights Coalition: 1-888-622-1510** | Supports people if ICE is at your tent or door.
- **Rose City Antifa: (971) 533-7832** | Opposes fascist organizing through direct action, education, and through solidarity with leftist spaces, activists, and organizations.

## LEGAL SUPPORT (FOR LOW INCOME OR UNHOUSED PEOPLE GENERALLY)

- **The Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS)** provides legal services to Tribes, groups and individuals with limited income in the state of Oregon | (503) 223-9483 | 4531 SE Belmont St #201, Portland
- **Don't Shoot PDX** Oregon-based accountability group to scrutinize actions and hold the Portland Police Bureau accountable for violence | 1425 NE Dekum St. Portland and 14 NE Killingsworth St. Portland | Email: [contact@dontshootpdx.org](mailto:contact@dontshootpdx.org) | Office hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-6pm, \*appointment required
- **Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO)** provides free legal help to thousands of low-income and elderly clients each year in matters relating to their physical safety, access to food and shelter, and other critical legal needs. Intake hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They also operate a Public Benefits Hotline at: 1-800-520-5292. Legal Aid has Spanish and American Sign Language interpreters on staff and will make arrangements for interpreters for other limited English speakers. If you need an interpreter or use a TTD, call (503) 224-4086, or come to our office to schedule a future appointment. In addition to services provided through our office, intake is available for Spanish speaking people at El Programa Hispano in Gresham. For more information, call (503) 669-8350. The Portland office contact information is: 503-224-4086 or 1-888-610-8764
- **St. Andrews Legal Clinic** serves low-income families with family law needs | 807 NE Alberta St, Portland | (503) 281-1500 | Open 9-5pm Weekdays, closed 12-1 for lunch, closed Saturdays & Sundays

## FREE FOOD: MEALS AND GROCERIES

Community-based projects are serving free, hot meals and giving away groceries almost daily in Portland, if you know where to find them. This is a short list and we'll keep building it for future editions of this zine.

### Meals

#### Free Hot Soup Portland

- M-F, 6PM: Directors Park in downtown Portland.
- Wednesdays, 12PM: St. Johns Square near the clock tower

#### Sisters of the Road Cafe

- Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am-2 pm, 133 NW Sixth Ave
- The Cafe begins serving at 10am and serves the last meals for the day at 2pm. You can reserve a time for your meal as early as 9am. Time slots are available on a first come, first served basis. A meal & a drink costs \$1.50. Barter Work coupons are accepted (\$6.00/hr meal credit), SNAP benefits/EBT cards, blue meal coupons or cash. Folks who can't work for medical or family reasons along with 1st time customers are offered a meal and drink free.

#### Free Hot Soup Vancouver

- Saturdays, 4:30PM
- Fall and winter: Esther Short Park under the gazebo
- Spring and summer: Statute Park

#### Free Lunch Collective

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 12-2 pm
- Delivers sack lunches and a radical lens to folks on the east side from SE 12th and Stark to the Morrison Bridge

#### Trans Houseless Community Brunches

- A monthly gathering for trans and queer people who are unhoused.
- 3rd Saturday of every month, 12-3PM at JOIN PDX: 1435 NE 81st Ave.

# FREE FOOD: MEALS AND GROCERIES

## **Rahab's Sisters Weekly Dinner**

Open to all women and anyone whose gender identity makes them vulnerable.

- Fridays, 7PM-10PM: St. Peter & Paul Episcopal Church, 247 SE 82nd.

St. Vincent De Paul:

- Delivers food boxes to your location. Call them at 503-235-7837

## **Food Not Bombs:**

- Free Produce is available every Sat. at 4:30 at Buckman Park and at Dawson's Park (unknown time)

## **Feed the Mass**

- Free Meals every Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12-2 pm. Pick up at the REDD, enter on 9th Ave. 831 SE Salmon St.

# GROCERIES

## **Esther's Pantry**

- Open pantry days: 2nd & Last Wednesdays, 1-4pm
- Located at 10202 SE 32nd Ave., Suite 601 Milwaukie 97222
  - Esther's Pantry is managed by queer community members, and their primary mission is to serve folx living with HIV/AIDS, however their Open Pantry days are open to the public

## **Hand Up Project**

- Emergency food services
- Open 2nd & 4th Mondays, 12-4pm
- Located at Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi, Portland 97217

## **Free Food Market - PCC Southeast**

- Free fresh fruits, vegetables, and other foods
- Open 1st Thursdays, 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Located at PCC Southeast Campus, 2305 SE 82nd Ave, Portland 97216

## **Free Food Market - PSU**

- Open 2nd Mondays, 12pm-1pm
- Located at 1914 SW Park Ave, Portland 97201

## **Free Food Market - North Portland Health Center**

- Open Last Fridays, 11am-12:30pm
- Located at North Portland Health Center, 9000 N Lombard, Portland 97203

## **Catholic Charities' Clark Family Center Food Pantry**

- Open every Wednesday from 12-2 PM
- Located at 2740 SE Powell Blvd.

## **Equitable Giving Circle:**

- Feeds BIPOC families with produce boxes from BIPOC farmers
- Email contact: [equitablegivingcircle@gmail.com](mailto:equitablegivingcircle@gmail.com)

## ***More free groceries***

See [Foodpantries.org](http://Foodpantries.org) and [PDXFreeFoodResources \(facebook.com/PDXFreeFoodResources\)](https://www.facebook.com/PDXFreeFoodResources) for more food pantries and free food markets in Portland and across Oregon. Also check the Oregon Food Bank ([OregonFoodBank.org/find-food](http://OregonFoodBank.org/find-food)) to find a pantry near you.

# FREE CLOTHES AND OTHER SUPPLIES

In addition to dedicated clothing exchanges and free stores, many day spaces and food banks also have clothing and some toiletries available.

- **Blanchet House** serves free hot meals from Monday to Saturday, Closed Sunday. Located on 310 NW Glisan Street, their hours are as follows: Breakfast 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.; Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Blanchet House rescues fresh, excess food from businesses around Portland. Meals are cooked by men who are a part of the Blanchet men's residential housing program. Diners are welcome to as many servings of food as they'd like.

- **Free Hot Soup and Boots on the Ground** are both volunteer groups that do direct outreach and support, including meals and supplies. Facebook is a good way to get in touch with these groups; see the resources section for more info.

- **Free Lunch Collective:** Delivers sack lunches and provides food access support on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 12-2 pm. Delivers sack lunches and a radical lens to folks on the east side from SE 12th and Stark to the Morrison Bridge

- **Voz:** A worker-led organization that empowers day laborers and immigrants to improve their working conditions and protect civil rights | 240 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland | (503) 234-2043

- **JOIN PDX Day Center** is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12AM-2PM, at 1435 NE 81st Avenue, Suite 100 (Max Red, Blue, or Green line to NE 82nd Ave). The Day Center has a community clothes closet M/W/F from 9:30AM-12:30PM. Day workers can also assist with other resources.

- **Don't Shoot PDX:** Community Clothing Tree, free clothing, non-perishable food items and toiletries | Dismantle Change Build Center 14 NE Killingsworth St | Open Monday-Saturday from 10 am-6pm

- **Solo Collective** is a group that provides mutual aid when emailed for specific support needs. They can be reached at SoloCollective@protonmail.com

- **Liberation Literacy:** Building Social justice literacy in prisons to reimagine and re-articulate the relationship between incarceration, our community and ourselves. Delivers food to formerly incarcerated people and families impacted by incarceration.

- **Late Bloom Apothecary:** Servin up free medicine in so-called Portland

- **Transition Projects Resource Center** is open daily from 8AM-4PM, at 650 NW Irving Street.

- **Brave Space** has a free clothes closet for trans, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming folks. Drop-in hours vary. 3620 SE Powell Blvd #102, Portland

- **P:ear** Resource center for unhoused youth, with offerings of fresh produce, sack lunches, masks for youth, and other essential items. Open Monday- Friday from 9:00am – 1:00pm | 338 NW 6th St, Portland

- **Food Not Bombs:** A community working together to help each other eat and thrive. Sharing food together three times a week.

## ***Bike Farm:***

1810 NE First Ave.

Women & Trans Repair Night: Bike Farm has a bicycle repair workshop for women and trans people on the first and third of Tuesday of every month: 5PM-8PM. Every third Thursday from 6PM-9PM is Wheelchair Maintenance Night. Bike Farm is always available to fix wheelchairs! This night is to build community among wheelchair users.

## **Portland People's Outreach Project**

PPOP is an all-volunteer, peer-based organization that provides clean syringes, Narcan, meth pipes, and other harm-reduction supplies directly to drug users.

You don't have to dispose of used syringes in order to receive new ones.

### **Outreach schedule and locations**

#### **Friday Bicycle Outreach Program: 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm**

St. Francis area: 5:45-6:10 pm

Close-in Eastside/Hawthorn Bridge: 6:20 pm -6:40 pm

Burnside Bridge Downtown: 6:55 pm -7:20 pm

Greyhound Bus/Bud Clark: 7:25 pm - 8:30 pm

McDonald's/Couch Park: 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm

#### **Saturday Services in St. Johns**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call (503) 765-7767 for details. Location changes regularly, currently outside of on bicycle trail by N. Lombard and N. Macrum, a few blocks east of Fred Meyer's and McDonald's on Ida.

\*Up to 100 points per person, plus all the regular available supplies.

#### **Sunday Outreach**

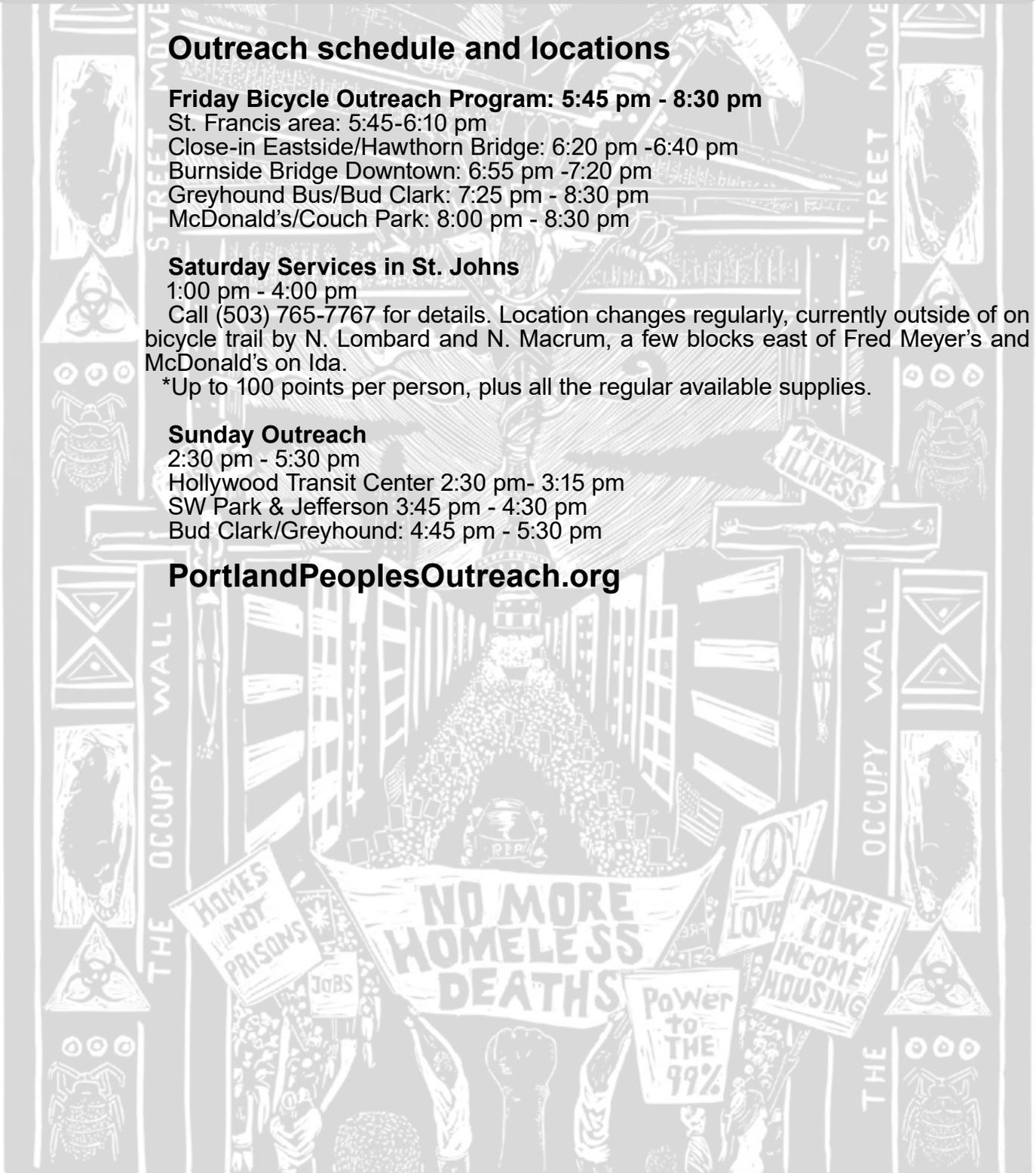
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Hollywood Transit Center 2:30 pm- 3:15 pm

SW Park & Jefferson 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Bud Clark/Greyhound: 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm

**[PortlandPeoplesOutreach.org](http://PortlandPeoplesOutreach.org)**



# COMMUNITY-BASED MUTUAL AID PROJECTS

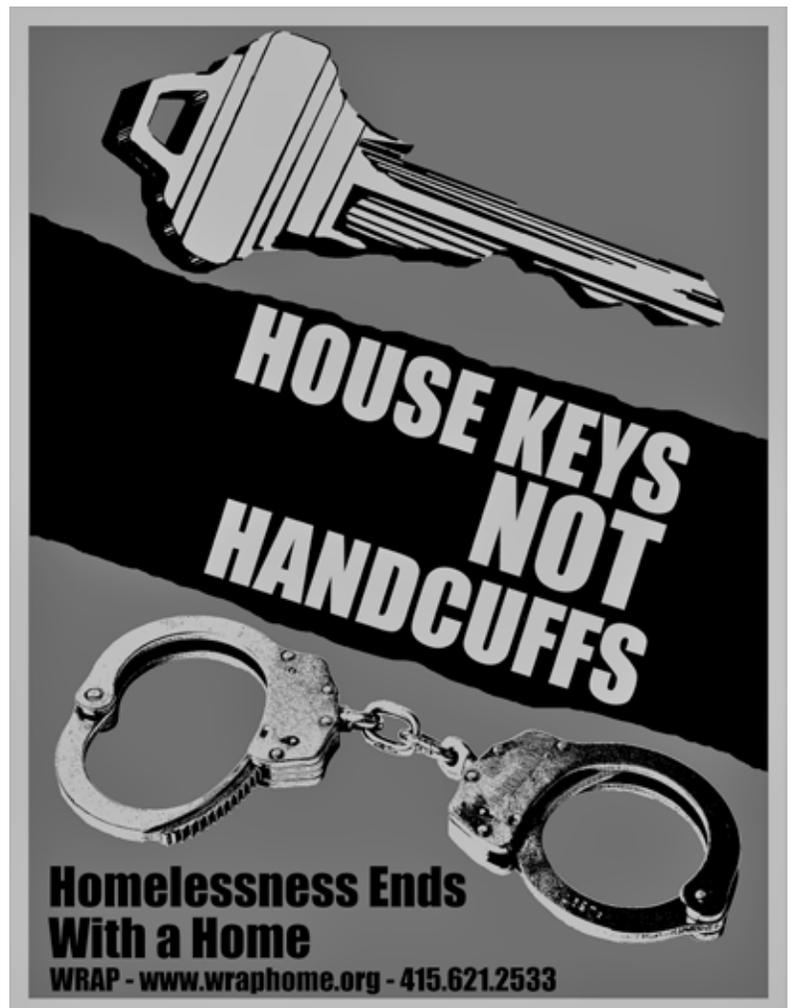
- **Portland People's Outreach Project:** Out on foot distributing needles, meth pipes, narcans and other supplies.
- **Right 2 Survive: [right2survive.org](http://right2survive.org)**  
Houseless and formerly houseless individuals and supporters dedicated to teaching about and defending the human, civil, and constitutional rights of people experiencing homelessness.
- **All African People's Revolutionary Party:** A revolutionary Pan-African socialist political party.
- **Don't Shoot PDX: [dontshootpdx.org](http://dontshootpdx.org)**  
A local chapter of Black Lives Matter offering community building, community garden projects, community meals and school drives, education, nonviolent direct action organizing, and political advocacy for systemic change.
- **Meals4Heals:** PDX's late-night meal delivery service tailored to the sex worker community. Black and sex worker positive business.
- **Free Hot Soup:** Serves hot meals five days a week and does mobile outreach to support houseless communities without connection to resources.
- **Free Lunch Collective:** PDX collective of autonomous individuals organizing round food access for all. A hub for mutual aid.
- **Generational Resistance:** A radical platform by and for people of color with the goal of uplifting marginalized voices and decentering whiteness in the activist community. Email contact: [generationalresistance@gmail.com](mailto:generationalresistance@gmail.com)
- **Sisters of the Road: [sistersoftheroad.org](http://sistersoftheroad.org)**  
Working to create systemic change that will end poverty and homelessness forever by providing nourishing meals in a safe, dignified space.
- **Stop the Sweeps Coalition:** A houseless-led coalition to stop the sweeps and the criminalization of and violent policing of unhoused people.
- **Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) ...Boots on the Ground**
- **PDX Sex Worker Relief Fund:** A Relief fund due to Covid-19 for all sex workers in PDX | Contact email: [PDXworkeraid@protonmail.com](mailto:PDXworkeraid@protonmail.com)
- **Glitter Squadron PDX**  
Organizing to abolish state repression primarily through a disability and abolitionist lense.
- **PDX Trans Housing Coalition: [facebook.com/pdxtranshousing](https://facebook.com/pdxtranshousing)**
- Dedicated to building community and organizing power with trans and queer people who are unhoused; hosts the monthly Trans Houseless Community Brunch.
- **PDX Disabled Support**  
A mutual aid program matching disabled people and caregivers who are committed to not calling the police. This program uses community hubs and care pods to build community and support networks for both disabled people and caregivers.
- **Everybody Bleeds:** Supplying/supporting all who menstruate | [www.facebook.com/everybodybleeds/](http://www.facebook.com/everybodybleeds/)
- **PDX Alliance for Self Care:** Connecting Portland's vulnerable communities with self care resources. Self care is not self indulgent. Self care is a radical act of resistance. [www.pdxasc.org/](http://www.pdxasc.org/)
- **PDX Jail Support and Defense Fund PDX:** We are a jail support group located in PDX prioritizing BIPOC, trans and queer people in jail, houseless people in our community.
- **Snack Bloc:** A community resource and support for rallies, protests, community events, vigils and more, since 2017. Emails only, [snackbloc@gmail.com](mailto:snackbloc@gmail.com)
- **Cascades Abortion Support:** A volunteer-run collective dedicated to providing abortion support to folks in the Portland/Vancouver area | Support line number: (503) 610-0692
- **Seeding Our Liberation:** An anti-imperial and feminist organizing space and political education program for BIPOC interested in environmental justice | Register here: <http://bitly.com/solpdx>
- **Bike Farm:** DIY volunteer run bike cooperative in Portland.
- **STROLL: [strollpdx.org/working-it](http://strollpdx.org/working-it)**  
Peer-based sex worker outreach includes supplying meals to houseless individuals, organizing events and peer support, and publishing a quarterly zine.
- **Portland Assembly: [facebook.com/pdxorassembly](https://facebook.com/pdxorassembly)**  
Building resilient networks, block by block.

## CLOSING:

We are committed to one another as a community to end the criminalization of houseless people. We demand the abolition of all forms of police and policing, including mandatory reporting. We recognize that abolition is happening and is possible with non symbolic action that dismantle and shift power away from those benefiting from unjust systems. Much of this work and risk taken during this struggle are undertaken by marginalized people with the most the risk. We recognize that many disenfranchised peoare legal workers and hope this zine empowers and connects people doing the work to community and resources.

## SHOUT OUTS

Big thank you to: Sisters of the Road, the Portland Stop the Sweeps Coalition, Right 2 Survive, Glitter Squadron, PDX Trans Housing Coalition, Western Regional Advocacy Project, Portland Assembly, National Lawyers Guild, American Civil Liberties Union. Parts of this zine were first published in the Trans Housing & Shelter Resource Zine, printed June 2019. This zine was printed in September 2020. This zine is anti-copyright. Please share and distribute widely!



# SWEEPS



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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: SWEEPS & COVID-19

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The City of Portland says it will prioritize sweeping camps that: “• Have 8 or more occupied structures • Block public sidewalks, paths, transit stations, restrooms or building entrances • Prevent 6 feet of physical distancing • Significant garbage or debris • Evidence of conspicuous drug use: uncapped, used hypodermic needles or other paraphernalia • Credible reports of criminal behavior, verified by Portland Police or Multnomah County Sheriff. **If your campsite meets some of these criteria, a warning may be posted. You will be given at least 24 hours to improve the situation before your site is posted for cleanup.**”

### Sweeps should not be happening during COVID-19, but they still are.

Violence against those without homes through displacement & criminalization is systemic & doesn't stop during a time of global crisis.

#### If a camp is swept, police must do the following:

- Post a notice in English and Spanish at least 24 hours before sweeping
- Inform a local social service agency 24 hours before removing a camp
- Store all personal property for 30 days
- Make stored property available to anyone wishing to claim it

Police may avoid giving notice by claiming that other illegal activities are occurring at the camp, or that here is an emergency or immediate danger to camp residents or others

#### Once a 24-hour notice is posted:

- You have 2 hours to vacate without being cited. This means you have time to gather your things and leave before the police can cite you
- The notice remains effective for 7 days, meaning the camp could be swept at any time within the following week, and may be swept multiple times during that week. It's best not to return to that campsite during the 7 days
- Once a sweep begins, you are entitled to a reasonable amount of time to collect your belongings and leave the area. Usually this means an hour, but maybe less depending on the circumstances
- The agency that sweeps your camp and takes your belongings must give you a property receipt if you ask for one. They must document all items found at the camp

#### The Center for Disease Control recommends that cities:

- Do not clear encampments during community spread of COVID-19 as it can cause people to disperse throughout the community and separate people from services
- Set up their tents/sleeping quarters with at least 12 feet x 12 feet of space per individual
- Ensure nearby restroom facilities have functional water taps, are stocked with hand hygiene materials (soap, drying materials) and bath tissue, and remain open to people experiencing homelessness 24 hours / day
- If toilets or handwashing facilities are not available nearby, provide access to portable latrines with handwashing facilities for encampments of more than 10 people

#### If you or someone you know gets swept, let us know:

- At what location (street corners or address) it happened
- What day and time of day it happened
- Officer(s)'s name(s) if you got them (if it's Portland Police there should be a nametag on their outermost garment. If you got something in writing their name and DPSST number should be on it. If they verbally warn you they should either voluntarily give you a business card or give you one if you ask, also note if the sweep was conducted by Rapid Response or another company)
- What items were taken from you

You can report this information to:

**People's Neighborhood Legal Collective Sweeps Support Hotline**

# 844-206-2005

#### Other helpful numbers:

- Portland Cop Watch Incident Report Line @ 503-321-5120 | Portland United Against Hate @ [ReportHatePDX.com](https://www.reporthatepdx.com)