



Make A Difference Day

Frequently Asked Questions

What is it? Make a Difference Day is a national day to help others, celebrated every year on the fourth Saturday of October. Locally, it is a community event offering a raking project and several donation drives to meet multiple needs of Marathon County residents.

When is Make A Difference Day? Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Where is this happening? At the Wausau National Guard Armory, 833 S. 17th Avenue, Wausau. (Corner of 17th Ave. & Sherman St., across from WPS.)

Who is eligible? Everyone can volunteer in some way on Make a Difference Day! To be a recipient of the raking project, Greater Wausau Area residents must be elderly, frail or disabled without family or friends to help with the task of raking. Call 2-1-1 to get a yard registered.

Are there age limits for volunteers? No, however anyone under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to receive a raking assignment. ***A signed volunteer release is required for all minors*** (under 18). This may be printed at www.unitedwaymc.org/madd.htm and will also be available at the event.

What time does the project start? Rakers may receive raking assignments between 8-9 AM. Donations will be accepted from 8 AM–Noon.

Where can I sign up? You may pre-register to rake or to haul leaves for disposal at www.unitedwaymc.org or by calling 2-1-1.

Do I have to sign up in advance? No. Spontaneous volunteers are also welcome between 8-9 AM the day of the event!

What do I need to bring? If you are raking, you must provide your own rake. Then, bring whatever makes the job easier. We suggest gloves, tarps or leaf blowers. Drivers picking up bagged leaves must have their own trucks or trailers.

I can't rake. Is there anything else I can do? Yes! You can help check in/check out volunteers at the Armory, help prepare and serve lunch, be a volunteer driver to pick up bagged leaves, or you can host a donation collection at work or made an individual donation:



Fill a Food Pantry. Bring in non-perishable food items to help feed neighbors in need.

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Donate New or Clean Outerwear. Donate winter outerwear to the Kiwanis' *Coats for Kids* collection and see that youngsters and their families are prepared for the upcoming winter.



Back 2 Basics Drive. Donate toiletries to be given to those living in shelters/transitional housing who need these basic necessities.

How long will I be volunteering?

- If you are a volunteer raker – From approximately 8 AM – Noon. Then lunch!
- If you are a volunteer driver – Times are flexible from Oct. 20-25.
- If you are helping at the Armory - 7:30 AM-3 PM (or a shift therein).

Is there a free lunch? Yes! Return to the armory after raking to turn in your assignment sheet (so we know the yard was completed) then sit for a spell and join us for lunch and camaraderie.

How many years has this project been running? This will be the project's 19th year!

How are projects chosen? Projects are chosen based on community needs.

Who pays for materials and supplies for projects? Funding for this project is paid for by sponsorships by area businesses and by donations from the community. This year's major sponsors are:



Why is volunteering for Make A Difference Day important? We all live in this community. In order to make this a better place for everyone we need to work together and help out those in need. The power of the day is in the individuals, making small changes for the better.