



TRANSITIONING OFFENDERS PROGRAM®

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Oxford House Reentry Committee – Transitional Housing

What is an Oxford House?

Oxford Houses are an affordable alcohol and drug-free living environment for persons in recovery from alcoholism and/or drug addiction. They do not accept anyone convicted of an arson or sex offence. Oxford Houses have common characteristics.

- Each house is democratically self-run by the members
- Each house is financially self-supporting, responsible for all household expenses
- Each house must expel any member who returns to using drugs or alcohol

Are there any requirements to live in an Oxford House?

1). No drinking or using. **2).** Pay your EES (**Equal Expense Shared**). **3).** No disruptive behavior. Past experience has proved that expelling a member that has returned to alcohol or drugs, no matter how briefly, will protect the house for the other members. If a member relapses on drugs or alcohol they will be asked to leave immediately. Violence or threat of violence is considered a relapse.

Before move-in, you will be required to pay a non-refundable \$150 move-in fee plus **EES** (your total rent) which, on average, is about \$350 per month. When you are accepted into a house, you are notified how much the **EES** will be. **EES** covers all utilities and phone (again, each house varies, but most houses include cable TV, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, coffee and so on).

If you use the DOC Voucher Program, it covers these move-in requirements. If you do not have the first months EES and deposit, they suggest you contact faith based groups and ask for help.

Things to do while you are incarcerated:

Oxford receives too many applications to process and do not accept all who apply. Those individuals who demonstrate they are working on their recovery from addictions will receive higher priority for selection into an Oxford House. Write a Personal Release Plan detailing your recovery thinking and efforts – DOSA, AA/NA, CMA meetings – while incarcerated and attach it to your application.

More hoops to jump through for reentry candidates:

There are special requirements for Oxford house members using the **Reentry Committee** process. As mentioned, you must pay your deposit and **EES** before move-in (unless using the Voucher).

Once in a house, you will be on a restrictive probationary period (depending upon the house). This would include going to a predetermined number of 12-step meetings, getting a sponsor and possibly an earlier curfew time.

When should I apply?

Do not send in an application until you are **60 days from your ERD**. They are interested in filling beds during this 60 day period and earlier applications are often set aside (save your envelopes). They have a lot of houses in most areas and will work hard to fit you into one during this period.

I might go to Work Release, should I apply anyway?

Do not apply if you are going to Work Release! There will be plenty of time once you are there to apply. The process is easier since you can attend the interview in person and this yields a higher acceptance rate.

What if I don't get accepted using the Reentry Committee project?

If for some reason you do not make it through this process, it is easier to get into a house after you are released. They can put you on a couch until a room opens up in a matter of days

Where do I mail the completed application and questionnaire?

It is best to send your application **60 days before your ERD** to the Reentry Committee in your release county listed below. A volunteer will process and pass on applications to the houses within the chapters of that county who have openings coming up. Please address the envelope to **Oxford House Reentry Committee**. You can also send applications to individual houses if you like, but they are only dealing with their own openings and often to not respond if they are full. ***Remember, applying too early is a waste of time and effort.***

Benton	PO Box 7074 Kennewick, WA 99336
Chelan	PO Box 3948 Wenatchee, WA 98807
Clallam	PO Box 415 Bremerton, WA 98337
Clark	1701 Broadway #D-1 Vancouver, 98663
Cowlitz	PO Box 1011 Kelso, WA 98626
Douglas	PO Box 3948 Wenatchee, WA 98807
Franklin	PO Box 6654 Kennewick, WA 99336
Grant	PO Box 9512 Yakima, WA 98902
Grays Harbor	PO Box 14754 Tumwater, WA 98511
Jefferson	PO Box 415 Bremerton, WA 98337
King	PO Box 27394 Seattle, WA 98165
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Lewis	PO Box 1011 Kelso, WA 98626
Pierce	PO Box 44228 Tacoma, WA 98444
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