

FCHTF Mission Statement

Seeks to offer support to all individuals who are coping with hoarding and excessive clutter. Our goal is to foster a coordinated response among community agencies by raising awareness and providing referral resources about hoarding behavior. The Hoarding Task Force provides a sensitive environment while empowering those who are coping with these behaviors.



Serving Franklin County & the North Quabbin Area

Serving all of Franklin County as well as Athol, Petersham, Phillipston, and Royalston.

FRANKLIN COUNTY HOARDING TASK FORCE

RESOURCE GUIDE



"You are not alone".

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What is Compulsive Hoarding?

It is the accumulation of clutter or difficulty parting with items causing marked distress or interferes significantly with normal use of the home or personal functioning. There can be significant health or safety risks. Many times there is significant conflict with family, neighbors or authorities. Examples of compulsive hoarding include multiple animals, accumulated garbage, excess papers, clothing and food.



Why is Hoarding a Problem?

Hoarding can result in violation of safety codes and lease agreements placing individuals at risk for eviction, fire, and falls. Excessive clutter also places emergency responders at risk. People who hoard often have feelings of anxiety, distress, and shame.

How can I get help?

- Contact Franklin County Hoarding Task Force for help in finding area resources at FCHoardingTaskForce@gmail.com
- E mail clutter.support.group@gmail.com for information on potential support groups in your area
- Visit the Clutterer's Anonymous Website <http://sites.google.com/site/clutterersanonymous/>
- Messiness & Hoarding Support Group <http://health.dir.groups.yahoo.com/group/Messiness-and-Hoarding/>

How can I help someone with a hoarding problem?

- Share your concern for safety and well being.
- Don't judge or criticize their behavior or the problem
- Visit www.MassHousing.com and search Hoarding Resources for detailed information.
- Contact the Franklin County Hoarding Task Force for additional resource at FCHoardingTaskForce@gmail.com
- Visit the Children of Hoarders website at www.childrenofhoarders.com

Community Agencies Involved

- **Franklin Regional Council of Governments**
413-774-3167
- **Tenancy Preservation Program**
413-772-5636
- **Greenfield Health Department**
413-772-1404
- **Franklin County Home Care Corporation**
413-773-5555
- **Greenfield Housing Authority**
413-774-2932

