



MULTNOMAH COUNTY OREGON

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Vector Control seeks advisors

Multnomah County Vector Control seeks members for their Vector and Enforcement Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee provides community views and recommendations on the full range of Multnomah County Vector Control activities.

Vectors are animals or insects, such as rats and mosquitoes, that can transmit diseases to humans. Examples of vector-borne diseases include West Nile virus and Hanta virus.

Members of the Advisory Committee are asked for a commitment of one to three years, and to attend two-hour meetings every other month. Committee members may provide advice on such topics as:

- Should Multnomah County have a system for disposal of solid waste to reduce illegal dumping?
- How should the county develop a rodent control plan for public parks?
- Developing educational messages on vector-borne disease prevention such as West Nile virus.

Vector Control is seeking applicants from a variety of backgrounds, with priority given to representatives of the faith community, homeless advocates, and people with background in animal husbandry.

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