

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Help with fall chores for senior citizens

Appleton, WI (September 26, 2008) — The ending of summer and the arrival of autumn brings many chores around the house—raking leaves, covering windows, repairs indoor and out. Senior Connection and the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offer handyman programs to help senior citizens with these tasks.

“We often hear people say that they never knew how many services we offer. Once people find us, they come to us all the time. We want to get the word out so even more people can utilize these programs,” said Bette Defferding of Senior Connection.

Services from private-hire lists include indoor and outdoor home repairs, lawn mowing, snow removal, leaf raking, gutter cleaning, window washing, painting, installations and more. Senior Connection requires applications and background checks on all providers, so older adults will know that they have been screened and are safe.

“This process helps older adults access reliable and affordable help,” said Defferding.

Senior Connection is a program of Lutheran Social Services at the Thompson Community Center, 820 W. College Ave., Appleton. They are also contracted to be at the ADRC in Outagamie County. Their mission is to provide resource information and options to older adults and their families to help senior citizens remain independent longer. When that is no longer an option, Senior Connection staff can assist older adults find other housing options from 55-plus independent apartments to more supportive options like assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. Staff can also connect or refer families to other supportive services available including home health care, support groups, transportation, etc.

The ADRC offers some similar programs to those who are eligible by age, income, or disability for county services. Senior Connection primarily connects privately paying individuals looking for reliable and affordable services. To take advantage of these services please call the ADRC, Outagamie County Branch at 920-832-5178. These services are also available in Waupaca County.

The ADRC is a no-cost, single point of contact for information and assistance to residents of the Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca Counties. They provide unbiased information about the providers and services in these communities, their availability, and costs. Their team of professionals will work with you to find the right fit of options for your individual situation and provide the information you need to make the best decisions.

For more information on the disability benefit specialist program and other services offered by the ADRC, please visit [www.yourADRCresource.org](http://www.yourADRCresource.org).

**Site locations for the ADRC are as follows:**

- **Calumet County**  
206 Court Street  
Chilton, WI 53014  
920-849-1451

- **Waupaca County**  
811 Harding Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
715-258-6400

- **Outagamie County**  
401 S. Elm Street  
Appleton, WI 54911  
**920-832-5178**

- All locations can be reached toll-free by calling 1-866-739-2372. Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call Wisconsin Relay Text Telephone (TTY) 7-1-1 to receive ADRC services.

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