



Laytonville EcoVillage  
Sustainability  Community

## 2017 WORK TRADE APPLICATION

Thanks for your interest in work trade at the Laytonville Ecovillage! The following description covers the basics for work trade responsibilities, expectations, and accommodations. Please review carefully. We require a minimum of one month but will consider exceptions.

For general information about the Laytonville Ecovillage please visit our website, read through the latest newsletters, and visit Fans of the Laytonville Ecovillage on Facebook.

Work trade involves fifteen hours of work a week in exchange for living on ten acres of beautiful Mendocino County land. We *sometimes* have weekend workshops scheduled in the summer and you are allowed to participate as part of your work-trade if enough students enroll.

We are a *small* but growing community and 2017 is a big year for prospective buyers and investors. We hope to see new long-term ecovillagers coming on-board. The size of the community will depend on who shows up for work-trade, internships, and buyers/investors. Long-term work trade opportunities will be considered this year as the community grows.

You will be sharing the land with the residents of the Laytonville Ecovillage.

Work trade tasks include the following:

- General cleaning and organizing.
- Assisting in various permaculture and natural building projects.
- Making supply runs to town.
- Brush clearing and trail maintenance.
- Maintaining campgrounds.
- Assisting with various construction projects.
- Mowing, watering, and tending to lawn, landscapes and gardens.
- Making dump/recycling runs.
- Orienting in-coming students and new work-traders.
- Answering and directing phone calls for the Laytonville Ecovillage.
- Assorted tasks as needed.

Most tasks are light impact. You will not be expected to exceed your physical limits. You will not have to work in poison oak if you're sensitive but there is a lot of poison oak on the land—*if you're highly sensitive to poison oak please note this in your application.*

If you have any particular skills and talents to offer as part of your work trade please let us know. We'd love it if someone could build a chicken tractor this year!

Accommodations include use of outdoor kitchen, solar shower, common areas, Wi-Fi. Sleeping accommodations are currently limited to tent camping. We can provide you with a comfortable tent if you don't have one. You're welcome to bring a trailer or RV.

## YOUR INTEREST IN WORK TRADE

Why do you want to live in an ecovillage?

Do you consider yourself “green?” Please explain and/or give an example or two.

Have you ever lived in an intentional community, co-op, ecovillage?  
Please give an example (student co-op, permaculture site, artist warehouse, etc.)

What skills do you have to offer?

Tell us anything else you’d like us to know about you.

Do you have any pets?

Are you sensitive to poison oak?

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND REFERENCES

Full Name (include all names you use or have used):

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Driver's License Number/State:

### **Work Reference #1**

Relationship:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

### **Work Reference #2**

Relationship:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

### **Personal Reference**

Relationship:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

## Contact in Emergency

Relationship:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

## GROUND RULES

Fires are only allowed in the fire pit, earth oven, and barbeque.

**Smoking can only happen on the road, or driveway.** Please do not allow anyone to smoke in camping areas. They are dry and very dangerous during summer and fall.

Guests must be approved by landlord.

No ganja cultivation.

Respect Laytonville Ecovillage tenants private space.

Respect the system in place (e.g. composting, organic gardening, kitchen organization, etc.).

No gossip.

## ENTIRE AGREEMENT

I understand that Laytonville Ecovillage is taking only serious applicants for this position, and I am motivated and available for a Work Trade position such as you offer.

I certify that all the information given above is true and correct and understand that my work trade may be terminated if I have made any material false or incomplete statements in this application.

I authorize verification of the information provided in this application.

I agree to work 15 hours a week in exchange for living at the Laytonville Ecovillage.

I understand that work trade is not a rental or lease to live at the Laytonville Ecovillage.

I have read and agree to the “ground rules.”

Date:

Applicant:

Please check the three boxes below to indicate you have read and understand:

Work Trade Description

Ground Rules

Entire Agreement