

Ogemaw County Correctional Facility



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The Ogemaw County Correctional Facility began on paper in late 2006 which included various feasibility studies and ideas. The "old Dean Arbor" land and building was purchased in 2007, the official ground breaking ceremony was January 16, 2009. The official Open House Ceremony was June 2010 and we opened the doors September 26, 2010.

The correctional facility contains 144 beds and is considered a podular remote design. A Correctional Facility (Jail or Prison) is considered full when it reaches 80% of its intended capacity; this allows bed space for changes in the inmate classification process. The buildings design has 8 single person maximum security cells, 28 two person medium security cells, 88 beds that are dormitory style pods.

Programs include: AA, Work Release (must be approved by Jail Administrator), Weekender (must be approved by Jail Administrator), church services, bible study, library, etc.



Ground breaking ceremony, January 16, 2009

General Information

Incoming Mail: Incoming mail shall be as follows:

(All incoming mail must be on Post Cards Only)

Inmate's name
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Bond Payments - Bonds can be posted through the court during normal business hours. After hours deposits into an inmates account may be done through the Kiosk located in the Correctional Facility lobby or online by going to JailATM.com. Commissary Money can be deposited into an inmates account by bringing in a money order and dropping it in the box located under the office window. You can mail a money order in the mail with the inmates first and last name (money order only in the envelope). You can bring money into the lobby and deposit it in the lobby Kiosk, or you can go online to JailATM.com to put money on an inmates account.

*For further information, review sections below.

Visitation

Internal Visitations are conducted Monday or Fridays from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm with varying time slots. They are 30 minutes in length, recorded and monitored. To schedule a visit go to www.jailatm.com and follow the prompts. Visits must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance and you ***must*** arrive 10 minutes prior to you scheduled time to be checked in.

External visitations are now available! External visits can be done through your home computer, tablet or smart phone by scheduling with www.jailatm.com. External visits are conducted Saturdays or Sundays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm with varying time slots and are also recorded and monitored. Please note: inmates are only allowed one visit per week and there are no visitation time slots available during lunch services at the facility.

VISITATION RULES

Upon transfer to general population of the facility, all inmates, except those sentenced for less than 7 days, will be allowed visitation.

- Visitors must be 17 or older or accompanied by an adult.
- Visitors shall not have been incarcerated in the Ogemaw County Jail within the last 30 days.
- All visitors over 17 must have a valid driver's license or State ID.
- Visitors must arrive 10 minutes prior to scheduled visitation time.
- Visiting privileges may be suspended at any time for security and safety reasons or bad conduct.
- Inmates will have their living area clean and be fully dressed prior to their visit.
- Visitors shall have proper attire when entering this facility. Low cut shirts, short skirts or any clothing determined to be revealing by the correctional staff shall not be permitted to visit.
- Inmates shall remain seated during their visit.
- Tampering or intentional abuse or misuse of the video visitation equipment shall result in disciplinary action, restitution and immediate termination of visit.

- Inmates shall leave the visiting area promptly at the end of their visiting period. Failure to do so may result in loss of future visits.
- Visitation phones will automatically shut off after 30 minutes.
- If a visitor is denied access to the visiting area for any reason the inmate will be notified of the visitor's name and reason for denial.
- The Ogemaw County Correctional Facility reserves the right to not permit visitation or to end visits prematurely for just cause.
- Inmates and visitors shall not expose themselves sexually to one another, this will result in loss of visitation privileges.
- **Correctional staff will not deliver messages or any other form of correspondence to inmates.**
- All visitations are monitored and recorded.

Inmate items allowed to be left by visitors

- Cash and/or Credit Card deposits into an inmates account through the lobby kiosk. No checks will be accepted.
- Eyeglasses and soft case
- Prescription medications in original bottles

Mail

Incoming mail will be delivered Monday through Saturday excluding holidays. Outgoing mail will be picked up by 9 A.M. Monday through Saturday. There are no limitations on the volume of lawful mail that an inmate may send or receive. Inmates may have up to twelve pieces of mail in their possession, with the exception of legal mail. Any additional mail shall be kept in the inmate's property bag. Length, language and content shall not be restricted except when there is a reasonable suspicion to justify restrictions for reasons of public safety, facility order and security.

- Sending a letter to a third party and having them mail it back to the facility is also not authorized.
- Outgoing mail shall bear only the name of the sender, address, city, state, and zip code. All mail shall be stamped by Correctional Staff informing the recipient the mail is from an inmate at the Ogemaw County Correctional Facility.
- All outgoing mail shall be in a standard or legal sized stamped envelope provided through commissary. No homemade envelopes shall be allowed.

- Envelopes, which contain drawings, cartoons, messages, symbols, etc. on the exterior surfaces, will be rejected.
- No contraband or food items shall be sent out

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Legal mail shall be marked as "Legal Mail." Incoming legal mail will be opened and inspected by correctional staff in the presence of the inmate. Incoming mail must have senders complete name and address on envelope/postcard. Mail (letters) may be disapproved for outgoing or incoming mail if the letter contains the following:

- Drawings of nude, obscene or sexually explicit material
- Stamps or stickers or items glued to the postcard or envelope
- Correspondence that is in code
- Inter-institutional correspondence
- Threats of blackmail or extortion
- Threats of physical harm against any person or threats of criminal activity
- Information, which if communicated, would create a risk of violence and/or physical harm to any person
- Plans to escape, or depictions or descriptions of blueprints or operational details on an institution's security
- Plans for activities in violation of facility rules, or for criminal activity

Whenever mail is disapproved, the inmate shall be notified of the reason(s) for the disapproval, in writing with an explanation on the "Mail Withheld" form. Rejected material will be stored with the inmate's personal property in the property room. Inmates shall not write letters to persons with whom there is an active "No Contact Order", a "Personal Protection Order or are Co-Defendants.