Grammar Reference

Need + verb-ing

We use this form when we talk about something that must be done, but we choose not to say who needs to do it.

This is often because the person who needs to do it is unknown, obvious or unimportant.

We usually use this form to talk about fixing or improving things.

The form is:

noun + need/s + verb-ing

Positive:

This studio needs tidying.

My hair needs cutting.

My shirt needs washing.

Negative:

His room doesn't need painting.

Question:

Does the house need cleaning?