

Norridgewock Water District

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RE: Maine Water Assistance Program

Dear Customer,

We want to make you aware of a program being offered through Maine Housing that may give you a one-time credit toward your water and sewer bills. The federal government gave \$4.7 million to Maine Housing for lower income households' water and sewer bills. Eligible customers are receiving \$200, \$300, or \$500 credits on water and sewer bills.

There are income and program eligibility requirements, similar to that of Heating Assistance, SNAP, etc.

- You need to pay for your own water and/or sewer services (bills are in your name)
- You are a homeowner or renter
- If a renter, water and/or sewer service is not included in your rent
- Your income is less than the gross household income requirements below

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Household Income (\$)	30,860	40,356	49,852	59,348	68,843	78,339	80,120

To apply for the Maine Water Assistance Program, complete their 3-page application and sign it and include the supporting documents.

You can get the application on their website: www.mainehousing.org (or pick one up at the water district office)

Send the following documents to Maine Housing, Energy & Housing Services, 26 Edison Dr, Augusta, ME 04330.

Or you can email the application and supporting documents to water@mainehousing.org.

Make sure to include:

- Completed 3-page application
- A copy of your water and/or sewer bill with your name on it
- Proof of income for one month or benefit letter (Ex. Check stubs, SS monthly statement, disability benefit, etc.)
- Copy of all household member's Social Security Cards or birth certificates or passports as proof of citizenship

If you already receive HEAP (fuel assistance) or SNAP, you won't need to send proof of income or proof of citizenship. Maine Housing will already have that info on file for you.

For more information on this program, please do not call the Town Office or Norridgewock Water District. You should contact Maine Housing directly at (888) 623-6762 or by email at water@mainehousing.org

*The program deadline to submit an application is July 1, 2023.

*It can take up to two months from the time Maine Housing receives your application until the benefit is paid to the Norridgewock Water District or Town Office (sewer) on your behalf.

NOTE: Norridgewock Water District has application packets if you need one. For customers who don't have a computer, Kelly-Ann can scan and email the application and supporting documents for you.

Maine Water Assistance Program

» **What is the Maine Water Assistance Program?** It is a federally funded program to help support eligible households in having access to drinking water and wastewater utility services.

» **Water liability** ~ Households will be required to have a water liability in order to be eligible for the drinking water/wastewater program.

» Applicants will be required to provide a copy of their current residential water/wastewater bill with their name on it.

» **How is eligibility determined?** The Maine Water Assistance Program is an income-based program and households seeking assistance with paying their water and/or wastewater bills must apply for the program. Households eligible for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program), SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), and SSI (Supplemental Security Income) will be required to submit an application for the drinking water/wastewater program in order to be eligible for the benefit.

» **How can these funds be used?** These funds can assist households to reduce water and/or wastewater arrearages, prevent disconnections, and help pay back charges and fees. Households are eligible for one prospective benefit and a one-time arrearage payment to prevent disconnection or restore service. Any payment will be sent directly to the provider.

» **How to apply?** Complete an Application for the MaineWater Assistance Program.

» **How can I get an application?**

Call or email, using the info below, give us your name and address and we will send an application to you.

Call: (888) 623-6762

Email: water@mainehousing.org

You can also visit our website to download an application or for more information on the program.



Website:

mainehousing.org/mainewaterprogram



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Thank you for your interest in the Maine Water Assistance Program (MEWAP).

To apply, you must complete and sign the enclosed application, and submit these required documents:

- Copy of current water and/or wastewater (sewer) bill
- Copy of all members Social Security Card, Birth Certificate or Passport as proof of citizenship or documentation issued by USCIS as proof of qualified non-citizenship
- Copy of your determination or award letter for TANF, SNAP, SSI or Means-Tested Veterans Program (if applicable)
- Income Documentation for last 30 days

Please submit all materials together in a single envelope. (Originals cannot be returned.) Incomplete applications may be delayed.

If you have any questions, please call the MaineHousing Water Assistance Line at 1-888-623-6762.

Thank you,

MaineHousing

Program Eligibility

You may be eligible for the Maine Water Assistance Program if you:

- Pay for your own water and/or sewer services
- Are a homeowner or renter
- If a renter, water and/or sewer service fee is not included in your rent
- Your income is less than the gross household income requirements below

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How to Apply

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- Completed application
- Water and/or sewer bill with your name on it
- Proof of income or benefit letter
- Copy of all household member's Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, or Passport as proof of citizenship

For more information on this program, please do not call the Town Office or Norridgewock Water. Contact MaineHousing at (888) 623-6762 or by email at water@mainehousing.org



Maine Water Assistance Program Application

1. Primary Applicant (Primary Applicant is the person listed on your water or waste water account)

First name, Middle name, Last name, and suffix (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)	
Mailing Address (PO Box, Street #, Apartment #, Town, State, and Zip)	Home Phone ()
Physical Address if Different (Street, House #, Apartment #, Town, State, and Zip)	Day / Message Phone ()

2. Water/Waste Water Account (Please provide a copy of your current bill)

Your Current Water Provider		Account Number	
Your Current Waste Water (Sewer) Provider		Account Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> My water is not disconnected <input type="checkbox"/> My water is disconnected		I have a disconnection notice scheduled for _____ My Water or Waste Water account balance is past due	

3. List anyone living in your home (Please provide a copy of all members Social Security Card, Birth Certificate or Passport as proof of citizenship or documentation issued by USCIS as proof of qualified non-citizenship)

Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender	Disabled
Self:			<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. What is your total estimated household annual income? \$

5. Does anyone in your household receive one of the benefits listed below? (Please provide a copy of your determination or award letter)

Check all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Means-Tested Veterans Programs	

6. Income Information (If you checked any boxes in #5 please skip #6 Income Information)

Income is money or contributions paid to or for, someone in your home. Please provide the income received in the last 30 days for all those living in your home. Please provide documentation (pay stubs, tax return, benefit letter)

SOME EXAMPLES OF INCOME SOURCES:

- Employment wages, including tips
- Child Support and/or Alimony payments
- TANF and/or State Supplement from DHHS
- Self -Employment Income, Income from a business you own
- Unemployment compensation
- Workers' Compensation
- Social Security/Disability Income/SSI
- Pensions, retirement accounts
- General Assistance payments
- Adoption Subsidy

My household currently has no source of income

Name:				
Name of Income Source:				
Contact Information:				
Gross Amount Earned:	\$	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Monthly

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Maine State Housing Authority ("MaineHousing") does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, age, familial status or receipt of public assistance in the admission or access to or treatment in its programs and activities. In employment, MaineHousing does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability or genetic information. MaineHousing will provide appropriate communication auxiliary aids and services upon sufficient notice. MaineHousing will also provide this document in alternative formats upon sufficient notice. MaineHousing has designated the following person responsible for coordinating compliance with applicable federal and state nondiscrimination requirements and addressing grievances:

Lauren Bustard, Maine State Housing Authority
 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330-6046,
 Telephone Number 1-800-452-4668 (voice), (207) 626-4600 (voice) or 711 (Maine Relay)

You Must Sign Your Application

I agree to report, within 10 days, all changes, including, but not limited to: physical or mailing address, members of my household, water, sewer and income. I understand that providing false or misleading statements or omissions may result in: federal, state, and local criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages or imprisonment; the requirement that I repay any extra benefits received; and disqualification from receiving future assistance.

By applying for Maine Water Assistance, I give MaineHousing permission to obtain any data about utility charges, payment history and other account information from my water or wastewater utility company, or companies. I authorize the utility company or companies to provide this information to MaineHousing.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Other Signature: (Complete if other member is water/waste water account holder)	Date:

Send completed application including attachment, along with your water/waste water bill and either benefit letter or proof of income to: **MaineHousing, Water Assistance Program, 26 Edison Drive, Augusta, ME 04330** or email **Water@mainehousing.org**

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. They will be returned for completion.

If you have any questions, please contact MaineHousing at 1-888-623-6762.
Maine Water Assistance Program Application Attachment 1

Check your housing type

<input type="checkbox"/> Rent with separately billed utilities Rent with utilities included in fee	Own Other _____
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Complete for anyone living in your home

Name (Self)	Ethnicity	Race
	Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins	American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander White Multi-race (two or more of the above) Other _____
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