



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an Eviction Moratorium.

The CDC has issued an order that no landlord may evict a tenant for non-payment from now until the end of 2020.

Who Qualifies?

If you are a renter, you may qualify for this protection if:

1. You have applied for available government rental assistance programs.

“Available government assistance” means any governmental rental or housing payment benefits available to the individual or any household member. In Maine this includes:
 - General Assistance, a rental assistance program run by towns, cities and overseen by the state;
 - The Maine Housing Covid-19 Rent Relief Program; and
 - Other programs from the state, towns or federal government.
2. Your yearly annual income is less than \$99,000 (\$198,000 for a couple)
3. You are unable to pay rent because of
 - A. A Loss of income or
 - B. Extraordinary medical expenses that exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income (or \$750 dollars for every \$10,000 of income).
4. You are using your best effort to make partial rental payments as your situation allows.
5. If evicted, you have no other available and safe housing options and you will likely become homeless or need to move into a new residence shared with other people in close quarters.

Important to Know

The moratorium does not forgive rent. If you are still behind on rent in January 2021, a landlord can still try to evict you for back rent and sue to recover rent owed.

The moratorium does not stop evictions for other reasons. You can still be evicted for damaging the apartment, disturbing other tenants, or otherwise violating the terms of your written or oral rental agreement.

Next Steps

To qualify for this moratorium, as soon as possible, you must give a landlord an affidavit that states you are eligible. A copy of an affidavit is available below.

If you get an eviction notice, it is still important that you reach out for legal help right away. Contact Pine Tree Legal at ptla.org/contact-us or Maine Equal Justice at maineequaljustice.org/people/legal-assistance-contact/.

[More COVID-19 housing resources are available on our website.](#)

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I certify under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, that the foregoing are true and correct:

I have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing.

I either expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return), was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or received an Economic

I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses.

I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses.

If evicted I would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because I have no other available housing options.

I understand that I must still pay rent or make a housing payment and comply with other obligations that I may have under my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. I further understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected.

I further understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on December 31, 2020, my housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt and failure to pay may make me subject to eviction pursuant to State and local laws.

I understand that any false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, or imprisonment.

Signature of Declarant

Date