



Are you facing eviction because you're behind on your rent? Maine's Eviction Prevention Program may help!

The Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) can help Maine renters pay past due and future rent for up to 12 months. This is a pilot program that opened in October 2024 and will run through October 2026. This program is being run by MaineHousing with help from the Quality Housing Coalition.

Am I eligible?

You may qualify for this program if:

- **You're a full-time Maine resident;**
- **You rent an apartment, home, mobile home, or lot for a mobile home;**
- **You meet the program's income limits** - your income is less than 60% of the Area Median Income for your household size;
- **You meet the program's rent limits** - your rent is 125% or less of the Fair Market Rent in your area;
- **You owe your landlord past due rent** - the amount must be less than **\$19,200**; and
- **You don't have a federal housing voucher (like Section 8) or live in subsidized housing (like public housing or other HUD or USDA subsidized housing)** - you can apply **EVEN** if you've gotten help from General Assistance, Emergency Rental Assistance, a state voucher program such as BRAP, or if you live in a LIHTC building to pay your rent!

Your application will receive priority if:

- You have a **written eviction notice for nonpayment**, sometimes called a "notice to quit"; or
- You have a **summons to court for an eviction case**; or
- You have a **late notice or a current approved payment agreement with your landlord**.

What help can I get?

Your landlord can receive money towards past due rent and up to 12 months of future rental payments in the amount of \$800/month. The payment must be made directly to your landlord, so they must be willing to participate in the program.

How do I apply?

Step 1. There are three options to apply:

- To apply **online** visit <https://www.evictionprevention.mainehousing.org/>.
- To apply by **phone**, call Quality Housing Coalition at 207-274-1240.
- To fill out the **paper application**, download it from <https://www.evictionprevention.mainehousing.org/required-documents> and email it to evictionprevention@qualityhousingcoalition.org or mail it to Quality Housing Coalition at P.O. Box 4015, Portland, ME 04101.

Step 2. Provide proof of your identity, income, rental agreement, and past due rent:

- For **identification**, you can use a driver's license, state ID card, or passport. There are other options if you don't have any of these!
 - For **rental agreement**, you can use your lease or rental agreement, or if you don't have it, you and your landlord can complete an attestation OR you can use a utility bill to prove residency and proof of rent payments to show the rent amount.
 - For **income**, you can use pay stubs, W-2's, tax filings, profit/loss statements, letters from employers, and other forms of verification, or you can complete an attestation.
 - For **past due rent**, you can use an eviction notice, rent ledger, court summons, payment agreement, or other document that shows you owe the landlord past due rent.
- **TIP:** You can't hit "submit" to apply online without uploading something for every category. If you aren't sure if you have the right document, upload what you have, and check your application status in the online portal after you submit it to see if Quality Housing Coalition needs more documentation.

Step 3. After you apply, Quality Housing Coalition (QHC) will review applications and eligibility. If you're found eligible, QHC will contact your landlord and ask them for more documents.

- **TIP:** If your landlord has questions, you can share the program website with them. There is lots of information for landlords about participating in this program: <https://www.evictionprevention.mainehousing.org/>.

Step 4. After QHC gets all the documents they need from you and your landlord, they will pay rental assistance to your landlord directly.

- **TIP:** If you have applied online, you can view the status of your application by logging into the portal.

Need help applying?

If you need help applying, call **Quality Housing Coalition** at **207-274-1240**.

If you need an interpreter to apply, leave a message for Quality Housing Coalition telling them your name, phone number, and what language you need. You may leave the message in your preferred language.

Are there other resources available to help me with housing?

211 Maine provides information on services and local programs available to help with housing, food access, basic needs, and more. You can call 211 or text your zip code to 898-211.

Pine Tree Legal Assistance (PTLA) provides free civil legal aid in Maine. You can contact PTLA at <https://ptla.org/contact-us>

General Assistance, called GA, comes from towns and cities, like Portland and Lewiston, to help pay for housing costs and other basic needs like food and medicine. You can get GA if you do not have enough money to meet your basic needs AND you are lawfully present OR pursuing immigration relief. You can apply at your town office. Maine Equal Justice has information about GA [on our website](#).

Income and Rent Eligibility Charts

To qualify for the Eviction Prevention Program, your household annual income must be strictly lower than the amount indicated for your household size and location on the chart below.

60% Area Median Income Limits

Area	Household Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Metro Areas								
Androscoggin Lewiston-Auburn MSA	\$34619	\$39599	\$44519	\$49399	\$53399	\$57359	\$61319	\$65279
Cumberland Portland HMFA	\$53580	\$61200	\$68880	\$76500	\$82620	\$88740	\$94860	\$100980
Penobscot Bangor HMFA	\$39779	\$45419	\$51119	\$56819	\$61379	\$65879	\$70439	\$74999
York York/Kittery/So.	\$52739	\$60239	\$67799	\$75299	\$81359	\$87359	\$93419	\$99419

Berwick HMFA								
Counties								
Androscoggin County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Aroostook County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Cumberland County (excluding HMFA)	\$42900	\$49020	\$55140	\$61260	\$66180	\$71100	\$76020	\$80880
Franklin County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Hancock County	\$37140	\$42420	\$47700	\$52980	\$57240	\$61500	\$65700	\$69960
Kennebec County	\$36540	\$41760	\$46980	\$52200	\$56400	\$60600	\$64740	\$68940
Knox County	\$38520	\$43980	\$49500	\$54960	\$59400	\$63780	\$68160	\$72600
Lincoln County	\$39360	\$45000	\$50580	\$56220	\$60720	\$65220	\$69720	\$74220
Oxford County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Penobscot County (excluding HMFA)	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Piscataquis County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Sagadahoc County (excluding HMFA)	\$40920	\$46740	\$52560	\$58380	\$63060	\$67740	\$72420	\$77100
Somerset County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280

Waldo County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
Washington County	\$34620	\$39600	\$44520	\$49440	\$53400	\$57360	\$61320	\$65280
York County (excluding HMFA)	\$41160	\$47040	\$52920	\$58740	\$63480	\$68160	\$72840	\$77580

125% Fair Market Value Rent Limits

These values are based on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) proposed Fair Market Rent (FMR) limits for the coming fiscal year and are therefore subject to change prior to October 1st, 2024, when those FMRs become official. To qualify for the Eviction Prevention Program, the amount of your monthly rent payment must be equal to or less than the amount listed for your household size and location in the chart below.

Area	Household Size						
	SRO	0BR	1BR	2BR	3BR	4BR	5BR
(Androscoggin) Lewiston-Auburn MSA	\$841	\$1122	\$1242	\$1585	\$2079	\$2306	\$2652
(Cumberland) Portland HMFA	\$1292	\$1724	\$1954	\$2514	\$3080	\$3454	\$3971
(Penobscot) Bangor HMFA	\$969	\$1292	\$1392	\$1780	\$2281	\$2362	\$2717
(York) York/Kittery/So. Berwick HMFA	\$1266	\$1690	\$1910	\$2464	\$3190	\$4137	\$4758
Androscoggin County	\$841	\$1122	\$1242	\$1585	\$2079	\$2306	\$2652
Aroostook County	\$684	\$912	\$982	\$1232	\$1689	\$1759	\$2022
Cumberland County (excluding HMFA)	\$1121	\$1496	\$1662	\$2181	\$2739	\$3334	\$3834

Franklin County	\$717	\$956	\$1064	\$1395	\$1842	\$1850	\$2127
Hancock County	\$947	\$1264	\$1271	\$1502	\$1985	\$1992	\$2291
Kennebec County	\$838	\$1119	\$1126	\$1450	\$1817	\$2174	\$2500
Knox County	\$757	\$1010	\$1246	\$1472	\$1839	\$2247	\$2584
Lincoln County	\$1014	\$1352	\$1379	\$1555	\$2054	\$2061	\$2370
Oxford County	\$778	\$1037	\$1044	\$1370	\$1794	\$2300	\$2645
Penobscot County (excluding HMFA)	\$786	\$1049	\$1100	\$1444	\$1819	\$2154	\$2477
Piscataquis County	\$722	\$964	\$1071	\$1405	\$1692	\$1874	\$2155
Sagadahoc County (excluding HMFA)	\$971	\$1296	\$1460	\$1794	\$2514	\$3012	\$3464
Somerset County	\$788	\$1051	\$1139	\$1316	\$1687	\$1887	\$2170
Waldo County	\$886	\$1182	\$1190	\$1524	\$1970	\$2117	\$2435
Washington County	\$659	\$880	\$977	\$1282	\$1797	\$1926	\$2215
York County (excluding HMFA)	\$1089	\$1452	\$1640	\$2020	\$2667	\$2939	\$3379