

Get Involved

Join or create a local response team!

- ❄ Determine what people need, what's available and what's missing
- ❄ Determine roles for community response volunteers
- ❄ Determine the best actions to fill gaps and create a plan

Actions teams can take:

- ❄ Designate warming centers
- ❄ Create a local fuel fund
- ❄ Register local resources by calling 2-1-1 Maine or visiting www.211maine.org
- ❄ List your volunteer resources and projects on www.volunteermaine.org
- ❄ Inform town leaders
- ❄ Neighbor to neighbor check-ins

Plan Ahead

Top 10 Energy Tips

Estimate your annual savings!

Simple things
can save you
money!

1. Close storm windows; use drapes and shades at night to conserve heat.
Save \$229.46 per year
2. Close flue dampers on fireplace.
Save \$227.92 per year
3. Install faucet flow restrictors and low-flow shower heads.
Save \$194.04 per year
4. Tune up your heating system.
Save \$190.96 per year
5. Insulate, caulk, and weather-strip your home. Save \$187.88 per year
6. Remove and vacuum your furnace filter every month. Replace it when it cannot be vacuumed clean.
Save \$141.68 per year
7. Close and reduce heat in all unoccupied areas.
Save \$130.90 per year
8. Replace 60W incandescent bulbs with 13W CFLs.
Save \$77.20 per bulb over the life of the bulb
9. Set your thermostat back.
Save \$77 annually for every degree set back
10. Insulate heat pipes and duct work.
Save \$2.25 per foot for hot water pipes, \$3.99 per foot for steam pipes, \$2.28 per foot for hot air ducts

For more ways to save energy, visit www.maine.gov and click on the red energy assistance button.



keepMEwarm

Helping citizens cope with Maine's rising energy costs.

Donate. Get Involved. Plan Ahead.



"This is going to be a difficult winter for many hard working families and businesses. I have talked to Maine people who are anxious and frustrated.



While state government is working on solutions to help Mainers now, there are a number of things each of us can do to prepare for the winter season. By reducing consumption and increasing efficiency in our homes and businesses, we can save money this winter and for winters to come. Call 2-1-1 if you need information on available resources.

We've compiled a list of resources, information and assistance for Mainers at www.maine.gov. Click on the red energy assistance button. If you want to volunteer to help others, visit www.VolunteerMaine.org."

~Governor John E. Baldacci

A Collaboration of:

Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security
Efficiency Maine/Maine Public Utilities Commission
MaineHousing (Maine State Housing Authority)
State Planning Office
Maine Commission for Community Service
2-1-1 Maine
United Ways of Maine
University of Maine Cooperative Extension
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Corrections
Department of Transportation
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Donate

Keep ME Warm Fund

The Keep ME Warm Fund is a statewide partnership with the goal of helping Maine people stay safe, warm and secure this winter through public and private contributions, volunteerism and advocacy.

Government can't do this alone. This winter demands a partnership between private donations and government programs.

The Keep ME Warm Fund hopes to raise money to help those who may not be eligible for limited federal, state or local fuel assistance programs.



Your Donations to the Keep ME Warm Fund will:

- ✧ Provide emergency heating assistance
- ✧ Offer 24 hour 2-1-1 Maine helpline service

Please donate now! Your contributions will assist our friends and neighbors in need through the harsh winter months.

Making a donation is easy:

Visit: http://www.unitedwaygp.org/what_we_do/keep_me_warm.php

Mail your donation to: Keep Me Warm Fund
C/O United Way of Greater Portland, P.O. Box 15200, Portland, ME 04112

Call Bank North at 1-800-393-7175

Visit your local TD Bank branch to drop off a donation.

Call 2-1-1 Maine

For more information about resources available for heating assistance, weatherization, or energy audits, call 2-1-1 Maine - a statewide health and human service information and referral line created by the United Ways of Maine, in partnership with Youth Alternatives Ingraham and the State of Maine.

Dial 2-1-1!
It's toll-free and available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

In addition to heating and weatherization information, 2-1-1 Maine provides resource information related to, food, shelter, legal assistance, counseling, elder services, child care, and more.

Go to www.211maine.org for a searchable online listing of statewide resources.

Send an email to info@211Maine.org or dial 2-1-1 to post local response team resources.

