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504 Disaster Pilot Program Helps Repair Maine Homes Damaged by Storms New Eligibility Requirements: Updated May 17, 2024

USDA Rural Development has a program to help homeowners with very low incomes make home repairs after storms. It is called the **504 Disaster Pilot** program. The program helps people in eligible rural areas whose homes were damaged during specific storms.

If your home was damaged during a storm that was part of a presidentially declared disaster, contact USDA Rural Development (details below) to find out if you might be eligible.

Quick facts:

- The program covers storms that happened between July 18, 2022 and July 2025.
- Homeowners 62 and older can apply.
- There are **grants** available up to \$15,000.
- USDA Rural Development also offers home repair 20 year **loans** at 1% interest.
- The program may be able to reimburse homeowners for emergency repairs that they already paid for.
- This program can help cover the cost of moving a mobile home.
- USDA does not use the FEMA designations of “Individual Assistance” and “Public Assistance.” The damaged home must be in a presidentially declared disaster area (regardless of the FEMA individual/public designation) to qualify.

How to apply:

For more information about eligibility or how to apply for the Section 504 Disaster Pilot or other USDA RD Single Family Housing programs, you can email SFHMaine@USDA.gov. To find out where your nearest USDA Rural Development office is located, call 207-990-9100 x4.

You can also call your nearest USDA Rural Development office directly:

Bangor Area Office

1423 Broadway Suite 3
Bangor ME 04401-2468
Telephone: (207) 990-3676 x4

Lewiston Area Office

254 Goddard Road
Lewiston ME 04240-1000
Telephone: (207) 753-9400 x4

Presque Isle Area Office

735 Main Street Suite 1
Presque Isle ME 04769-2285
Telephone: (207) 764-4157 x4

Scarborough Area Office

306 US Route 1 Suite B1
Scarborough ME 04074-7640
Telephone: (207) 883-0159 x4

Maine Presidentially Declared Disasters Included in the 504 Disaster Pilot:

1. **January 9-13, 2024.** Counties included: Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and York.
2. **December 17-21, 2023.** Counties included: Androscoggin, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington.
3. **June 29, 2023.** County included: Franklin County.
4. **June 26, 2023.** County included: Oxford County.
5. **April 30-May 1, 2023.** Counties included: Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo.
6. **December 23-24, 2022.** Counties included: Franklin, Knox, Oxford, Somerset, Waldo, York.

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