



Home Repairs Work Offered by Harpswell Aging at Home

In partnership with Habitat for Humanity 7 Rivers Maine, HAH offers a wide range of home repairs to eligible older adults, to help keep them SAFER, WARMER, and DRIER as they age in their homes. The following is a list of the types of work we offer:

To enhance the resident's SAFETY:

- Install wheelchair ramps
- Replace rotted wood on decks, porches, decks, railings, and handrails
- Install, rebuild or reinforce handrails on stairways
- Install grab bars in or near tubs and showers, and near toilets
- Raise the height of toilet seats by installing seat risers
- Replace round door knobs/openers with lever-type door openers
- Replace non-ground-fault-circuit-interrupting (GFCI) receptacles with GFCI receptacles
- Install doorbells, slide latches or chains, and/or peepholes at entry doors
- Install static or motion-sensing outside lighting
- Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors
- Increase stairway light levels by installing light fixtures and/or three-way switches
- Install "D" type drawer and door pulls on kitchen and bathroom cabinets
- Replace defective light fixtures and receptacles
- Increase the size of door stoops
- Build platform to raise height of front-loading laundry equipment
- Clean clogged dryer vent hose

To enhance the resident's WARMTH:

- Install insulation on underside of house floor, on walls and on ceilings where none exists

- Reinstall falling floor, wall, and ceiling insulation; cover with plastic sheet
- Install insulation around sill plate to reduce heat loss from basement or crawlspace
- Make (done by Habitat 7 Rivers) and install interior storm windows
- Replace broken window and storm door glass
- Wrap or re-wrap under-house heating air ducts
- Seal cracks around entry doors with weatherstripping

To enhance the resident's DRYNESS:

- Caulk cracks around windows and doors
- Install first-floor rain gutters and downspouts
- Install rain-diverting strips on roofs above entry door stoops and stairways
- Replace rotted trim around windows and doors
- Repair leaking sinks, faucets, and drains

Types of work that is not offered by HAH include the following:

- in-attic work (beyond weatherizing the attic access plate)
- roofing and/or chimneys
- concrete and masonry work
- interior ladder work needing greater than an 8-foot step ladder
- exterior ladder work higher than first-floor rain gutters, eaves, and downspouts
- work in a basement or crawlspace with standing water on the floor
- work in electrical panels
- water treatment systems
- furnaces and heating/air conditioning systems
- water wells
- septic systems
- inclined stairway chairlifts (motorized stairway chairs)
- removal of mold, asbestos, lead, and other toxic residues

In addition, because of limited funding available for this work, we do not offer work that does not enhance SAFETY, WARMTH, and/or DRYNESS, such as work to enhance appearance, update fixtures or accessories, or increase comfort.