Property Tax & Rent Relief

Exemptions, credits and a tax-deferral loan for Westbrook homeowners and renters.

For homeowners and renters — these programs lower what you owe, not just help you catch up.

Programs

ANY HOMEOWNER — NOT INCOME-BASED

Homestead Exemption

[Up to $25,000 of value exempt]

Removes part of your home's value from taxation if you've owned and lived in it for at least 12 months as of April 1.

Apply once using the city's Homestead Application — it stays in effect every year after that unless you move.

Call: (207) 854-0638
Email: assessors@westbrook.me.us
Official page: westbrookmaine.gov/162/Tax-Relief

Source: westbrookmaine.gov: Tax Relief. Last checked Nov 1, 2026.

VETERANS, AND UN-REMARRIED SURVIVING SPOUSES

Veteran Exemption

[$6,000 now → up to $5,000–$50,000 from Apr 2027]

Reduces your home's taxable value. The current amount is a flat $6,000. Starting April 1, 2027, it becomes tiered by age and VA disability rating, from $5,000 up to $50,000, and it now covers veterans who didn't serve during a federally recognized war period.

You'll need proof of service (Form DD214) with your application. If you're under 62, or you didn't serve during a recognized war period, you may newly qualify starting in 2027 — but it isn't automatic, so you'll need to apply or reapply to get it.

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LEGALLY BLIND HOMEOWNERS

Blind Exemption

[$4,000 now → $5,000 from Apr 2027]

Reduces your home's taxable value if you are legally blind. For Westbrook's current tax rate, this works out to about $54 a year in actual savings.

You'll need a letter from a licensed doctor or optometrist confirming legal blindness, submitted with a new application by April 1. If you already have this exemption, you don't need to reapply or send a new letter unless your situation has changed.

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RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS — INCOME-BASED

Property Tax Fairness Credit

[Refundable state income tax credit]

A refundable state income tax credit if you pay a high share of your income toward rent or property tax. Claimed on Form 1040ME, Schedule PTFC — not a separate application to the City.

Available whether or not you owe Maine income tax; any amount above what you owe is refunded to you.

Call: (207) 626-8475
Official page: maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/income-tax-credits/property-tax-fairness-credit

Source: maine.gov: Property Tax Fairness Credit. Last checked Nov 1, 2026.

HOMEOWNERS 65+, OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED

Property Tax Deferral Program

[Income under $80,000 · assets under $100,000–$150,000]

This is a loan, not a discount. The State pays your property tax and places a lien on your home; it's repaid with interest when you sell, move, or pass away.

The asset limit is $100,000 for a single owner, or $150,000 for multiple owners.

Call: (207) 624-5600
Email: prop.tax@maine.gov
Official page: westbrookmaine.gov/162/Tax-Relief

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LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS — NOT JUST SENIORS

Critical Home Repair (Habitat for Humanity)

[Income under 80% of area median]

Labor is donated for safety repairs — structural rot, unsafe roofing or flooring, no heat or water, electrical or plumbing hazards — including accessibility modifications to help you stay in your home safely. You pay a share of the materials cost, scaled to your income.

You must own your home (a mortgage is fine), have lived there at least 3 years, and its tax assessment can't exceed $350,000. Doesn't cover cosmetic updates, appliances, foundations, ramps, or weatherization — ask about a referral to another program for those.

Call: (207) 772-2151 ext. 104
Email: molly@habitatme.org
Official page: habitatportlandme.org/program/critical-home-repair

Source: habitatportlandme.org: Critical Home Repair. Last checked Oct 23, 2026.

WESTBROOK RESIDENTS 65+, HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS

Westbrook Senior Property Tax Assistance

[FY27 window: Jul 1, 2026 – Jun 1, 2027]

You must have lived in Westbrook at least 8 years, and have received the Property Tax Fairness Credit (above) in the prior tax year.

Reapply every year during the enrollment window.

Call: (207) 854-9105
Email: taxcollector@westbrook.me.us
Official page: westbrookmaine.gov/162/Tax-Relief

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The newest version is always on the website.

Scan the code, or visit westbrookcurrents.com/help/property-tax-rent-relief. Phone numbers, rules and dates can change, so check the website before you go.

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