

Tax Relief

Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent "Circuit Breaker" Refund

Summary of the Program Beginning August 1, 2012 for Refunds of Property Tax Assessed and Rent Paid during 2011. (Note: The program to apply for refunds of property tax assessed and/or rent paid during 2010 ended May 31, 2012.)

Nearly 200,000 Maine households qualify for a partial refund of property tax assessed and/or rent they paid in 2011. The maximum refund available is \$1,600.

You may qualify for a refund if:

- You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2011 household income was \$64,950 or less; or
- You do have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2011 household income was \$86,600 or less

AND

- Your 2011 property tax was more than 4% of your 2011 household income; or
- The rent you paid in 2011 was more than 20% of your 2011 household income.

NOTE: Seniors do not need to meet this requirement when their household income is below \$14,700 for those living alone or below \$18,200 for those living with a spouse or dependent. See the application booklet for more information on who qualifies for the senior portion of the program.