



Weekly State News Update

Keep ME Warm

[Keep ME Warm](#) provides emergency heating assistance through a statewide partnership of [Maine's United Ways](#) and [Community Action Agencies](#). Donations are distributed through a formula based on federal [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#) percentages and population, and are used to assist individuals directly, or designated to local organizations that provide emergency fuel assistance, including faith-based programs and nonprofit agencies. Keep ME Warm is the only statewide fuel assistance fundraising effort in the State of Maine.

[Your support](#) can help our friends and neighbors stay safe and warm in their homes this winter.

Do you or someone you know need help? Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211maine.org for

information on heating assistance and weatherization services near you. 2-1-1 Maine is a statewide health and human services information and referral service created by the United Ways of Maine, in partnership with The Opportunity Alliance and the State of Maine.

CA\$H Maine

CA\$H Maine is a statewide collaboration of ten coalitions, comprised of 50 non- and for-profit partners, working together to help empower Maine individuals and families to achieve long-term financial stability. Since 2003, it has offered [free tax preparation](#) to qualified filers during tax season and educated hard-working families and individuals about programs in the community that can increase their [income](#), [reduce debt](#), and [build savings](#). CA\$H Maine is a year-round resource, providing outreach and education about ways you can make the most of your money.

To find a coalition near you, click [here](#).

IT'S THE LAW!

Snow vs. Vehicles & Roads

As our deepest winter months approach, put safety first when dealing with snowfall. Please bear in mind...keeping our roadways safe by clearing snow properly is the law.

[Maine Statute 29-A Chapter 19 Subchapter 1](#) prohibits driving with obstructed windows:

A person may not operate a vehicle with a sign, poster, opaque or semitransparent material, or substance on the front windshield, side wing or side, or rear window that obstructs the operator's clear view of the way or an intersecting way.

While you are cleaning, be sure to clear the roof and hood of snow or ice to prevent damage to those following behind you on the roadways.

[Maine Statute 29-A Chapter 21 Subchapter 3](#) prohibits placing substances in a public way:

A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

This means that you cannot plow snow from your driveway or yard onto or across a public way. Pushing snow to the side of the roadway and leaving it there is likewise prohibited. Driveway plowing should start from the roadway, with snow plowed to a designated spot on your property.



Maine State House

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<http://www.maine.gov/legis/>

Other State Contact Info:

Office of Governor Paul R. LePage:

(207) 287-3531

<http://www.maine.gov/governor/lepage/index.shtml>

Secretary of State:

(207) 626-8400

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/>

Office of the Attorney General:

(207) 626-8800

<http://www.maine.gov/ag/>

Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

<http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/index.html>

Report Fraud to the Department of DHHS:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/fraud/>

Contact the Consumer Protection Division:

<http://www.maine.gov/ag/consumer/complaints>