

TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What is the program?

The Kennebunkport property tax assistance program provides financial assistance to homeowners and renters who have been year-round residents for at least the past 10 years, and who have qualified for the Maine State residents' property tax and rent refund program. The Maine State program is intended to benefit residents whose property tax or rent expenses are above average relative to their personal income.

How do I qualify for the Kennebunkport Program?

You must have received a refund check after August 1, 2009, from the Maine State property tax/rent refund program, **AND**

Kennebunkport must have been your principal residence for the past 10 years, **AND**

You must submit your application to Town Hall for the Kennebunkport program no later than June 30, 2010.

What is the amount of assistance I will receive from the Kennebunkport program?

If you qualify, you will receive up to \$500, or 50% of the amount of the refund from the State property tax/rent refund program; whichever is less.

Will I get a check from the Town if I qualify?

Most people will not receive a check. Instead, they will receive a credit against the second half tax bill that is sent out in March. If a homeowner has paid their second half property tax bill in advance, the Town will issue a check in the qualifying amount.

Why is the program limited to residents who have lived in Town for 10 years?

The program was established by voters at Town Meeting in November 2008. Properties have appreciated significantly over the past 10 years. Those who purchased a home within the past 10 years were aware of the increasing value of that property at the time of purchase.

What tax period is covered by this program?

The 2009 local property tax assistance program applies to taxes paid for the tax assessment in effect between April 1, 2008 and March 30, 2009. It does **not** apply to the post-revaluation tax assessment.

How do I apply for the Kennebunkport property tax assistance program?

Complete the Maine State property tax assistance application first to see if you qualify. **Do this as early as possible** because the deadline for the Town program is November

16. If you do qualify for a state refund, complete and submit the Town application. You can pick up both applications at Town Hall or call 967-4243, ext. 107.