



Dutchess County Housing Resource Guide



This guide highlights housing resources available to individuals including Home Repairs, Renovations, Home Buying, Homelessness, Rental Assistance, and Foreclosure Prevention.

It is also available online with the resource links enabled at bit.ly/WipeOutLead.





REPAIRS AND RENOVATION

Dutchess County Department of Health offers the Environmental Protection Agency's **Lead Safety Training for Remodeling, Repair, and Painting (RRP)** through Dutchess County BOCES. Class schedule and registration available at <http://bit.ly/WipeOutLead>.

In addition, the Department offers lead safety incentives (paint and painting supplies; home cleaning supplies) at no cost for individuals who have homes within the City of Poughkeepsie/12601 zip code identified as containing lead . **845.486.3404**

Rebuilding Together provides free rehabilitation and critical repairs to low-income homeowners, especially those with school-age children, so they can live in warmth, safety, and independence. Applicants will be considered for National Rebuilding Day work.

Eligibility: 80% below median income, have no liens apart from mortgages and home equity loans, and plan to reside in the house for the next two years.

www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org

845.454.7310

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides assistance with home energy needs. Services include financial assistance with fuel bills, emergency financial assistance for fuel/utility terminations, and referrals for weatherization service.

Eligibility: Low income <http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

845.486.2555

Weatherization Assistance Program lets income eligible families reduce their energy bills. Weatherization work is performed on your home, such as weatherstripping, caulking, wall and ceiling insulation, heating system improvements or replacement, efficiency improvements in lighting, hot water tank and pipe insulation, and refrigerator replacements.

Eligibility: 60% of state median income.

<http://nysdhcr.gov/Programs/WeatherizationAssistance/>

518.474.5700

Dutchess County Community Action Partnership Weatherization available to homeowners and renters to install insulation, reduce air leaks, repair heating systems, caulk, wrap ducts, and provide weather stripping.

Eligibility: TANF, SSI, Food Stamps, Veteran's Benefits or 200% below poverty level.

845.452.5104 x 127

http://www.dutchesscap.org/programs_and_services/energy-conservation-programs/

Habitat For Humanity builds simple houses in partnership with families in need and who are willing to be part of the building process.

Eligibility: US resident families between 30% and 60% of the Dutchess County median family income, able to pay the 0% interest mortgage, and willing to put in at least 400 hours of sweat equity. Home prices are based on family income. Family must currently live in substandard housing (which includes overcrowding). Repair projects include:

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REPAIRS AND RENOVATION (Continued)

A Brush with kindness - Designed for small projects such as yard work, painting and small carpentry projects,

Weatherization - Reduce home energy bills. Includes, weather-stripping, caulking, wall and ceiling insulation, heating system improvements or replacement, base load electric reduction through lighting, hot water tank and pipe insulation, and refrigerator replacements

Critical home repair - Approved on a case by case basis.

Veterans repair program - Honorable or Medical discharge or active status required.

All repair programs require a repayment negotiated with the home owner to include a 0% interest loan for up to 5 years to repay for expenses related to the project.

<http://habitatdutchess.org/index.php>

845.475.9336

City of Poughkeepsie HOME Rehabilitation Grant Program for Low Income Seniors:

A program offering low and moderate income senior citizens forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 for repairs to owner occupied 1-3 family homes. Application available on website listed below.

Eligibility: Household income includes income of all household members over 18 years of age and total income must meet the HUD low-income guidelines for Dutchess County.

<http://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/departments/developmentplanning/communitydevelopment>

845.451.4007

Dutchess County Senior Citizen Owner Occupied Property Rehabilitation Program

The Program provides a loan or deferred payment loan of up to \$20,000 to low and moderate income senior citizen households (in eligible communities) to correct code violations and/or bringing the property up to federal housing quality standards. Property must be an existing single-family owner-occupied property. Application is available at:

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Planning/seniorproprehabapp.pdf>

845.486.3600





HOMELESSNESS AID AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) provides a federal grant subsidizing rental assistance program through non-profit agencies for the HIV/AIDS population in Dutchess and Orange Counties. **Eligibility:** Resident of Dutchess or Orange County with HIV/AIDS. **845.452.5104**

<http://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/departments/developmentplanning/communitydevelopment>

Webster House provides emergency housing, two meals, and showering facilities for up to 60 homeless adults each night.

Eligibility: Screening begins at 7pm each night at the Family Partnership Center, 29 North Hamilton Street, Poughkeepsie, NY.

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.452.5197

Hudson River Lodging - Gannett House Program addresses the basic needs of homeless individuals and families placed in emergency housing. Provides meals, transportation, 24-hour security and other immediate assistance, and transition to stable housing.

Eligibility: Apply through Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services.

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.452.0019

Hudson River Lodging - LaGrange House Program provides case management services for individuals and families residing in transitional housing units at Hudson River Lodging. This program targets households that are transitioning out of homelessness and, with the assistance of Lagrange House Case Managers, are actively working toward self-sufficiency goals including movement to more permanent housing

Eligibility: At least one household member must be over age 18, maximum household size is three members. Apply through Hudson River Housing.

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.452.0019

Hillcrest House offers a supportive environment with 58 units of housing for adults transitioning out of homelessness. Residents pay monthly rent (based on their income) and participate in an on-site meal plan and case management.

Eligibility: Apply through Hudson River Housing

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.452.0019

Solutions to End Homelessness Program assists homeless individuals to move to permanent housing and avoid the recurrence of homelessness. Case Management and funding is available to assist with security and initial rent, thereby expediting movement from emergency to permanent housing.

Eligibility: Apply through Hudson River Housing

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.452.5197



HOMELESSNESS AID AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE (Continued)

After-Hours Emergency Placement facilitates emergency placement for those who find themselves homeless due to non-disaster related circumstances which occur outside of the regular business hours of the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services.

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.471.8454

Support Services for Veteran Families include case management, linkage to available resources such as VA benefits, housing location, and other housing stabilization services. In some cases, short-term financial assistance for rent, security, utilities, moving costs, transportation, and other emergency needs may be provided.

Eligibility: Head of household or their spouse must be a Veteran, and gross household income must not exceed 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)

http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html

845.232.5754

Housing Navigator services provide a streamlined way for those seeking housing to understand the options available to them. One on one meetings with our Housing Navigator and a single Universal Application can simplify the process of seeking housing for those in need.

845.454.5176

For Homelessness due to a Disaster-related event, such as fire, contact the American Red Cross.

845.471.2000



HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Pre-Purchase Counseling by Hudson River Housing, provides a Housing Counselor to help individuals as they prepare to purchase a home through personal one-on-one counseling sessions and group education. The Housing Counselor will maintain a relationship with the individual throughout the entire home buying process.

Eligibility: First-time Homebuyers.

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/education.html>

845.454.9288

Foreclosure Prevention Services by Hudson River Housing provides Housing Counselors who are trained in all aspects of the foreclosure process. They will review your case and advise you as to the best course of action depending on what stage of the foreclosure process you are in. There is no fee for this service.

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/education.html>

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