

Town of Shelter Island

Home Maintenance / Repair Program



The Home Maintenance/Repair Program provides household maintenance assistance to residents age 60 and over. There is no charge for this service, however, client must purchase any materials required. The service provides assistance with minor home repairs that do not require the skills of a licensed craftsperson such as:

- **PLUMBING**

- Replace washers in sinks, washbasins and tubs
- Clearing toilet and sink clogs with plunger only
- Clean aerator on end of faucet, replace aerator screen if old or damages
- Hose repairs on washing machine
- Install new ball cock and flapper in toilet
- Clean accessible dryer vents

- **ELECTRICAL**

- Check breakers only, do not replace
- Change light bulbs
- No appliance repairs except hose connections
- Troubleshoot TV modems, answering machines, and landlines to determine source of problem
- Installing and removing window air conditioners (2 man job)
- Install smoke/CO2 alarms and changing batteries in same
- Replace switches

- **CARPENTRY**

- Install grab bars or safety rails for tubs and toilets
- Minor repairs to floors, e.g., trimming a rough edge off linoleum, tacking down the edge of a rug
- Replace treads on deck steps
- Repairing or reinforcing handrails on stairs
- Install shades or curtain rods
- Replace broken windowpanes
- Rearranging furniture as needed for safe access in home
- Installing and maintaining screens and storm windows (Screens are removed and taken to an outside vendor for repair, then picked up and installed – the Client pays the repair bill for the screen)
- Installing weather stripping around doors or shrink wrap kits on windows
- Minor patching of walls and ceilings, no replacing floor areas
- Installing of shelving
- Basement stairs safety check
- Add handrails

- **OUTDOORS**

- Installation of a Town ramp (from Handicapped Ramp Loan Program – requires an application and loan agreement to be filled out and signed; available for 90 days at a time based on availability) (2 man job)
- Tighten or replace window sash locks
- Tighten or replace doorknobs
- Move patio furniture in / out of storage
- Hook up / disconnect outside hose

For Services, please call Barbara or Judy at 631 749-0291

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