

## HOME IMPROVEMENT FOR SENIORS

By 211 Nova Scotia



Upgrading or repairing one's home can feel like a dreaded task—kind of like spring cleaning, or raking leaves in your yard in the fall, and sometimes it just needs to be done. Luckily, there are some great programs and grants in the province of Nova Scotia aimed to help seniors. See list of programs and grants for seniors who may need help with home repairs/adaptations:

### **Senior Citizens Assistance Program (Housing Nova Scotia):**

Do you have a leak in your home? Or maybe your roof is in desperate need to be re-done? This program may be for you! This program provides assistance to senior homeowners (65+) who would like to remain in their homes but do not have the finances to afford necessary repairs.

The funding covers repairs such as roofing, plumbing, and heating. Cosmetic repairs are not covered.

To be eligible for this program, you need to:

- Be at least 65 years of age;
- Have a total household income below the established income limit (varies on household size and area you live in); and
- Own and have lived in your home for at least one year.

If each of the above criteria apply to you, you may be eligible for this program. Call 1-844-424-5110 to get started, or learn more here:

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-seniors/senior-citizens-assistance-program>

## Home Adaptations for Seniors Independence (Housing Nova Scotia):

If you're in need of home adaptations, this program may be for you! This program helps senior homeowners pay for home adaptations that are associated with age-related challenges, so that they can stay in their homes for longer periods of time. The home repairs covered by this grant may include (but are not limited to): handrails in hallways or stairways, easy-to-reach work and storage areas in the kitchen, walk-in showers and grab bars, and bathtub seats. A one-time forgivable grant of up to \$3,500 is available (does not need to be repaid as long as the homeowner agrees to live in their home for a minimum of six months after the repairs are made).

To be eligible for this program you need to:

- Be at least 65 years of age;
- Be experiencing difficulty with daily activities due to age;
- Have a total household income below the established income limit (varies on household size and area you live in); and
- Own and reside in the home that will undergo repair/adaptation.

If this criteria applies to you, you may be eligible for this program! Get started by calling 1-844-424-5110 or visit:

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-seniors/home-adaptations-seniors-independence>.

## HomeWarming (Efficiency Nova Scotia):

With the cost of living continuing to rise, the cost of energy is also along for the ride. It can be difficult to keep up with power costs, as well as heating and cooling costs, especially when we get extreme weather in the summer, such as heat waves, and in the winter when we get hit with snowstorms and freezing temperatures.

If you have been struggling to keep up with energy costs, this program may be for you. HomeWarming by Efficiency Nova Scotia offers home energy assessments and upgrades for income-qualified homeowners at no cost.

To see list of eligibility requirements, visit <https://www.energycns.ca/residential/programs-services/homewarming/> or call toll-free at 1-877-434-2136.

## Nova Scotia 211 is here to help!

If you are looking for something that hasn't been listed, please dial 2-1-1 and one of our Community Resource Navigators can help you find what you're looking for. Call 2-1-1 to get connected!

