

Municipal Government In Maine

How it works, who pays for it and where the money goes.

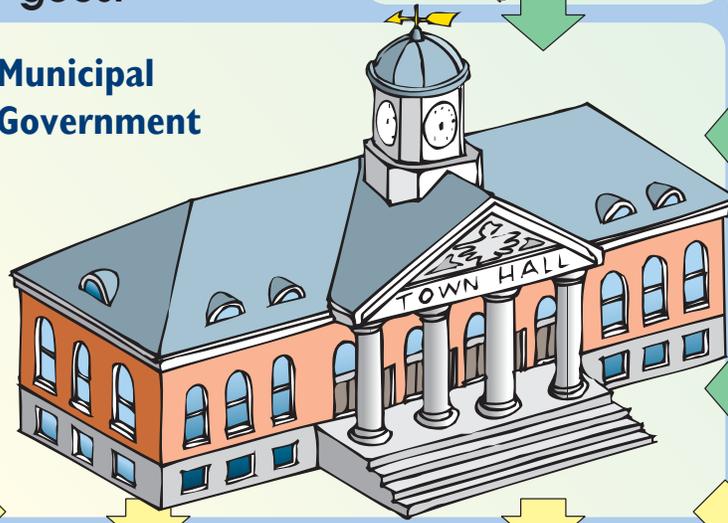
This poster shows the many services provided by local government in towns and cities in Maine.

It also shows how the town or city collects money to pay for the services.

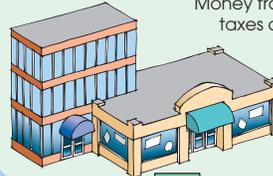
Citizen Involvement

Active citizen involvement is necessary for good government. Local people can get involved in many different ways. They can: serve on a council or board of selectmen, serve on a board or committee, attend a council or selectmen meeting or attend an annual town meeting.

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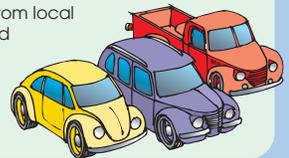
From businesses
Money from local taxes and fees



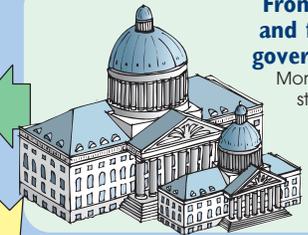
From people and homes
Money from local taxes and fees



From car and truck owners
Money from local taxes and fees



From state and federal government
Money from state and federal taxes



Schools

Local people pay for the schools in their communities with the help of the Maine State Government.



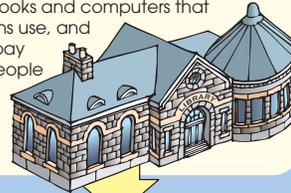
Police Department

Local taxes help fund the community's police department. This pays officers' salaries and for the cars and equipment they need to keep your town safe.



Library

Libraries receive some of the money people pay in taxes. With this, libraries buy books and computers that patrons use, and they pay the people who work there.



Parks and Recreation

Many towns and cities in Maine have parks and public activities. The money that people pay for taxes keeps these parks clean and beautiful. It also provides activities for children and adults, like softball games and other recreational programs.



Fire Department

Many towns have firefighters who are paid to respond to emergencies. They need money to buy trucks and equipment so they can protect you from fires and other dangers.



Highway or Public Works

It is important to keep highways and streets safe and that costs money. The taxes people pay help to fix streets and plow snow.



Recycling and Trash

Your city must make sure that trash is recycled and disposed of properly. Taxes and fees pay for transfer stations and buy trucks and equipment to make this happen.



Animal Control

When an animal is on the loose and could be a hazard, animal control is called. They have animal experts and the needed equipment because of local tax money.



General Assistance

Sometimes families lack money for food, heat and other things that they need. Towns run GA programs to help. Everyone in town helps by paying taxes and fees.

Municipal services are different in each town. To find out more about municipal government in Maine, you can visit the Maine Municipal Association's web site at www.memun.org

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