



CITY OF ATLANTA
Department of Planning and Community Development
Bureau of Housing
HOME OWNER-OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Atlanta's Bureau of Housing home repair information is to assist senior citizen homeowners that are at least 62 years of age and the house is located within the corporate city limits of the City of Atlanta. You can contact our staff in the City of Atlanta's Bureau of Housing by calling 404-330-6390 to answer questions and for further information.

How can I determine if my house is eligible for home repairs within the City of Atlanta?

Houses eligible for free home repairs within the corporate city limits of the City of Atlanta must be home owner-occupied and the homeowner must be at least 62 years old or be disabled. Additionally, the household income must be within established HUD guidelines.

What types of home repair assistance are available within the City of Atlanta?

Repairs to your home can be provided three ways: non-profit organizations offer minor home repairs for free or low-cost to eligible applicants, through the City of Atlanta's HOME Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program using a deferred-payment loan for eligible applicants, or through a licensed and insured contractor that offers a variety of home repairs at your own expense.

What is the scope of work available for free home repair if I meet the eligibility requirements mentioned above?

There are several non-profit organizations that provide free or low cost home repairs for seniors that meet the organization's eligibility requirements.

- **Southeast Energy Assistance** [404-885-1877] - weatherization- insulation & weather-stripping; plumbing repairs to stop dripping faucets or running toilets; assist with utility bills
- **Resource Service Ministries (RSM)** [404-352-5440]- check and repair furnace; weatherization- insulation & weather-stripping
- **Senior Connections** [770-455-7602, ext 158] (*Requires Deferred Loan Similar to Our Program*)- Plumbing; Electrical; Furnace; Roof; minor flooring repairs
- **Senior Citizen Services** [404-351-8103]- bathroom grab bars; one-time yard work; exterior/interior painting in summer
- **Wesley Community Center (WCC) Project Extend** [404-872-0086]- roof repair; minor plumbing; minor electrical; furnace repair; exterior/interior painting in summer
- **Community Housing Resource Center (CHRC) Home Repair Program Only** [404-658-1322] (*one system repair possible*)- Roof, Electrical, Plumbing, Furnace repair
- **Atlanta Community ToolBank's HouseProud** [880-0054, ext 13] (*only for houses within NPU V: Adair Park, Mechanicsville, Peoplestown, Pittsburgh, and Summerhill*)- roof repair, plumbing, weather-stripping, floor reinforcement, and more
- **City of Atlanta's HOME Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program** [404-330-6390]- housing rehabilitation assistance may only be provided to cover repairs necessary to bring the property in compliance with City of Atlanta building code.



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Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

How do I apply for free home repair assistance?

If eligible for home repairs through a non-profit organization, you will need to call the number listed above. At a minimum they will need to verify that you are a senior that is owner-occupant of the house and that you meet the income requirements established by their program. If eligible for home repairs through the City of Atlanta's HOME Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, you will need to contact our office at 404-330-6390.

How quickly will I receive free emergency or limited home repairs? Free home repairs are not immediately available within the City of Atlanta. Most non-profit organizations that offer free home repairs have a waiting list.

What is the deferred-payment loan that the City of Atlanta's HOME Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program uses?

A deferred-payment loan is a legal document that is filed by the City of Atlanta at the county courthouse after the satisfactory completion of all home repairs. The homeowner must continuously live in the rehabilitated house during the affordability period (typically five years) to receive the home repairs at no cost. If the homeowner sells the house prior to the end of the affordability period to someone that doesn't meet the Program's eligibility requirements, the total amount used to rehabilitate the house will be reimbursed to the City of Atlanta at the house closing meeting.