



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



<b>Meeting Date</b>	09/22/2021	<b>Department</b>	General Assistance
<b>Agenda Item</b>	4.d) Consideration of the proposed changes to the City's General Assistance Ordinance based on changes made by the State of Maine.		
<b>Est. Cost</b>			

**Background Information**

Each year, the Gardiner City Council is asked to approve overall GA maximums and GA housing maximums. General Assistance Coordinator Sherry Emmons will be happy to answer any questions from Council.

<b>Requested Action</b>	"I move to accept the 2021- 2022 general maximum changes to the City's General Assistance Ordinance"
<b>City Manager and/or Finance Review</b>	
<b>Council Vote/ Action Taken</b>	
<b>Departmental Follow-Up</b>	

<b>City Clerk Use Only</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading _____	Advertised _____	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> _____
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____

Oct 1, 2021 to Sept 30, 2022

OVERALL MAXIMUMS

Persons in Household				
1	2	3	4	5
\$776	\$794	\$990	\$1,299	\$1,387

Household of 6 = \$1,462

\* Add \$75 for each additional person

HOUSING MAXIMUMS

BEDROOM	UNHEATED		HEATED	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$145	\$623	\$168	\$723
1	\$145	\$623	\$170	\$732
2	\$173	\$744	\$213	\$918
3	\$233	\$1,002	\$283	\$1,215
4	\$237	\$1,020	\$299	\$1,284

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need.

1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat.

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$14.00	\$60.00
2	\$15.70	\$67.50
3	\$17.45	\$75.00
4	\$19.90	\$86.00
5	\$23.10	\$99.00
6	\$25.00	\$107.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$7.50 per month.

FOOD MAXIMUMS

Persons	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$58.14	\$250
2	\$106.74	\$459
3	\$153.02	\$658
4	\$194.19	\$835
5	\$230.70	\$992
6	\$276.74	\$1,190
7	\$306.05	\$1,316
8	\$349.77	\$1,504

Add \$188 per month for each + person

PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

HEATING FUEL

Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary, for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

Number of Children	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

\*\*\*New - Appendix H Revisions

Burial Maximum: \$1,475  
Cremation Maximum: \$1,025

2) Electricity Maximums for Households With Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$20.65	\$89.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$38.75	\$167.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.00 per month.

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