

# Municipal Government In Maine

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

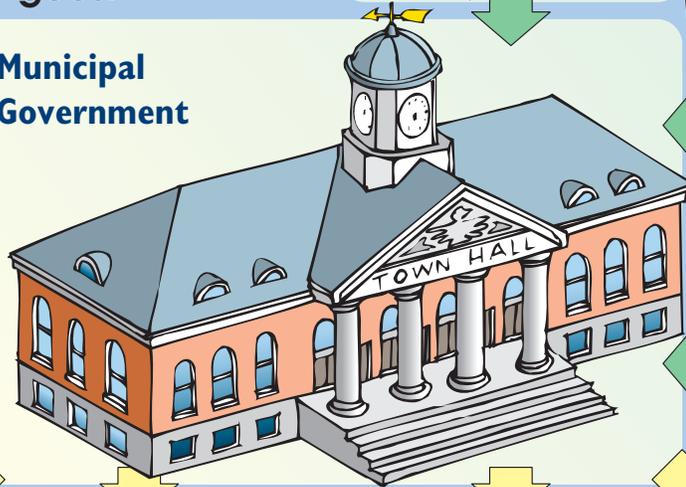
This poster shows the many services provided by local government in towns and cities in Maine.

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

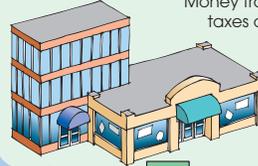
## Citizen Involvement

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.

## Municipal Government



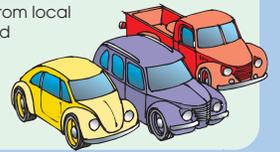
**From businesses**  
Money from local taxes and fees



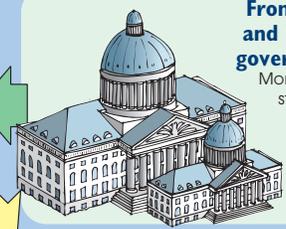
**From people and homes**  
Money from local taxes and fees



**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.



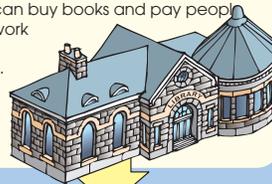
### Police Department

Some of the taxes and fees people pay go to their community's police department. This helps the police have the cars and things they need so they can keep your town safe.



### Library

Libraries get money from the local taxes people pay. With this money, they can buy books and pay people who work at the library.



### Parks and Recreation

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



### Fire Department

In Maine, some towns have volunteer firefighters. But they still need money to buy trucks and equipment so they can protect your home and town from fire and other dangers.



### Highway or Public Works

It is important to keep highways and streets safe, and that costs money. Some of the taxes people pay goes to fix streets and plow snow.



### Recycling and Trash

Your town or city is in charge of collecting trash. With the money they get from taxes they can buy garbage trucks and pay workers to keep your town clean and safe.



### Animal Control

When a wild animal is in someone's back yard or a dog is loose, animal control is called to help. They have the equipment and animal experts they need because of the money from taxes.



### General Assistance

Sometimes families do not have enough money for food or other things they need to live. Towns help these people by giving them money for emergencies. Everyone in the town helps these families when they pay 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](http://www.memun.org)**

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