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Online Resources:  www.oxfordcounty.org  |  www.parismaine.org
                  www.rumfordme.org  |  www.visitmaine.com

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Newcomer Information

**Police Departments**

- **Oxford County Sheriff**
  - 26 Western Ave.
  - South Paris, ME
  - (207) 743-9554

- **Oxford Police**
  - 701 Main St.
  - Oxford, ME
  - (207) 539-4414

- **Fryeburg Police**
  - 89 Bridgton Rd.
  - Fryeburg, ME
  - (207) 935-3323

- **Paris Police**
  - 35 Market Square
  - South Paris, ME
  - (207) 743-7448

- **Norway Police**
  - 19 Danforth St.
  - Norway, ME
  - (207) 743-5303

- **Rumford Police**
  - 150 River St.
  - Rumford, ME
  - (207) 364-4551

- **Waterford Police**
  - 366 Valley Rd.
  - Waterford, ME
  - (207) 583-2410

**Fire Departments**

- **Bethel Fire**
  - 9 Mill Hill Rd.
  - Bethel, ME
  - (207) 824-2665

- **Denmark Fire**
  - 11 Bullring Rd.
  - Denmark, ME
  - (207) 452-2300

- **Dixfield Fire**
  - 142 Wilton Rd.
  - Dixfield, ME
  - (207) 562-7629

- **Fryeburg Fire**
  - 520 Main St.
  - Fryeburg, ME
  - (207) 935-2615

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  - 19 Danforth St.
  - Norway, ME
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  - 151 Congress St.
  - Rumford, ME
  - (207) 364-2901

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**Area Utilities**

- **Oxford Water District**
  - 26 Western Ave.
  - South Paris, ME
  - (207) 743-8936

- **Paris Utility District**
  - 137 Congress St.
  - Rumford, ME
  - (207) 275-8777

- **Rumford Water District**
  - 19 Danforth St.
  - Norway, ME
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- **US Post Office**
  - 39 Tremont St.
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  - South Paris, ME
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- **US Post Office**
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- **US Post Office**
  - 6 Church St.
  - Andover, ME
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**Central Maine Power**

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**Fair Point Communications**

- (207) 935-9911

**FirstLight**

- (207) 739-2911

**Spectrum**

- (866) 874-2389

**US Cellular**

- (888) 944-9400

**Verizon**

- (800) 922-0204

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- 26 Western Ave.
  - South Paris, ME
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**Cancer**

- Cancer Information Service ........................................ 800-422-6237
- **Children/Youth (Abduction, Abuse, Adoption, Runaway/Exploited, etc.)**
  - Child Abuse National Hotline ........................................ 800-25-ABUSE (252-2873)
  - Child Find of America Hotline - www.childfindofamerica.org ........................................ 800-1-AM-LOST (436-5678)
  - CONFIDENTIAL Runaway Hotline ........................................ 800-231-6946
  - Missing Children Network ........................................ 800-235-3555
  - National Hotline for Missing & Exploited Children - www.missingkids.com ........................................ 800-843-5678
  - ChildHelp USA - www.childhelp.org ........................................ 800-4A-CHILD (422-4453) / 800-2A-CHILD (222-4453, TDD)
- National Runaway Switchboard - www.1800runaway.org ........................................ 800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)
- National Youth Crisis Hotline ........................................ 800-448-4655
- New York Parent & Kin Connection Helpline - www.ccf.state.ny.us ........................................ 800-345-KIDS (345-5437)
- Parent Abduction Hotline ........................................ 800-292-9688
- Parent Hotline - parents hotline.net ........................................ 800-840-6537
- Thursday’s Child’s National Youth Advocacy - www.thursdayschild.org ........................................ 800-USA-KIDS (872-5437)

**Domestic Violence**


**Eating & Associated Disorders**

- National Association of Anorexia - www.anad.org ........................................ 847-831-3438 (long distance)
- National Mental Health Association - www.nmha.org ........................................ 800-969-6642

**HIV/AIDS/STDs**

- National AIDS Hotline ........................................ 800-342-AIDS (342.2437) / 800-243-7889 (TDD)
- National AIDS Hotline in Spanish ........................................ 800-344-SIDA (344.7432)
- National HIV/STDs Hotline ........................................ 800-227-8922
- National Prevention Information Network (CND - www.CNNAc.org ........................................ 800-458-5251

**Poison Control**

- Poison Control (Any Kind of Substance) ........................................ 800-662-9866
- Poison Control - www.poison.org ........................................ 800-222-1222

**Rape**

- Nationwide RAINN National Rape Crisis Hotline - www.rainn.org ........................................ 800-656-HOPE (656.4673)

**Substance Abuse/Alcoholism**

- 24/7 Drug Addiction Hotlines ........................................ 866-675-9112
- 24/7 Drug & Alcohol Rehab Referral Service ........................................ 800-521-7128
- Alcohol Abuse & Crisis Intervention ........................................ 800-234-0246
- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Helpline & Treatment ........................................ 800-234-0420
- Alcohol Hotline Support & Information ........................................ 800-531-2900
- Al-Anon / Alateen - www.al-anon.alateen.org ........................................ 800-352-9996
- National Cocaine Hotline - 800cocaine.com ........................................ 800-COCAIN (262-2463)
- The Alcohol & Drug Addiction Resource Center ........................................ 800-390-4056

**Crisis Intervention / Suicide**

- Boys Town Suicide & Crisis Line - www.boytow.org ........................................ 800-448-3000 / 800-448-1833 (TDD)
- Covenant House Hotline - www.tensionline.org or www.covenanthouse.org ........................................ 800-999-9999
- National Adolescent Suicide Hotline ........................................ 800-621-4000

**AREA HEALTH & HOSPITALS**

- Department of Health & Human Services 243 Main St., Suite 6 South Paris ME (207) 743-8798
- Bethel Family Health Center 32 Railroad St. Bethel, ME (207) 824-2193
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**Local School Districts**

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School Administrative District 17  
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School Administrative District 44  
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- Name & Address of Last School Attended  
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**Area Colleges & Universities**

School of Applied Tech Region 9  
377 River Rd.  
Mexico, ME  
(207) 364-3764

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60 Lowell St.  
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Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center
480 Main St.
Norway, ME
(207) 739-6161

M. Fuller Art
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Norway, ME
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Home buyers almost always make a few mistakes when buying their first home. Perhaps they pay too much, choose the wrong type of mortgage or neglect to budget for needed home improvements. Working with a trustworthy, experienced lender can help prevent such mistakes. Consumers should also take responsibility for their budgets and choices. Before buying a home, you should look into developing a short- and long-term perspective on your purchase.

1. Choosing a real estate agent who is not committed to forming a strong business relationship with you. Here's how to avoid it: Making a connection with the right real estate agent is crucial. Choose a professional who is dedicated to serving your needs—before, during and after the sale.

2. Making an offer on a home without being pre-qualified. Here's how to avoid it: Pre-qualification will make your life easier—take the time to talk with bank or mortgage representatives. Their specific questions with regard to income, debt and other factors will help you determine the price range that you can afford. It is one of the most important steps on the path to homeownership.

3. Not knowing the total costs involved. Here's how to avoid it: Early in the buying process, ask your real estate agent or mortgage representative for an estimate of closing costs. Title insurance and lawyer fees should be considered. Pre-pay responsibilities such as homeowner’s association fees and insurance must also be taken into account. Remember to examine your settlement statement prior to closing.

4. Limiting your search to open houses, ads or the Internet. Here's how to avoid it: Many homes listed in magazines or on the Internet have already been sold. Your best course of action is to contact a real estate agent. They have up-to-date information that is unavailable to the general public, and they are the best resource to help you find the home you want.

5. Thinking that there is only one perfect home out there. Here’s how to avoid it: Buying a home is a process of elimination, not selection. New properties arrive on the market daily, so be open to all possibilities. Ask your real estate agent for a comparative market analysis. This compares similar homes that have recently sold or are still for sale.

6. Not considering long-term needs. Here's how to avoid it: It is important to think ahead. Will your home suit your needs 3-5 years from now? How about 5-10 years?

7. Not following through on due diligence. Here's how to avoid it: Make a list of any concerns you have relating to issues such as crime rates, schools, power lines, neighbors, environmental conditions, etc. Ask the important questions before you make an offer on a home. Be diligent so that you can have confidence in your purchase.

8. Not having a home inspection. Here's how to avoid it: Trying to save money today can end up costing you tomorrow. A qualified home inspector will detect issues that many buyers can overlook.

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10. Not purchasing a home protection plan. Here’s how to avoid it: This is essentially a mini insurance policy that usually lasts one year from the date of sale. It usually covers basic repairs you may encounter and can be purchased for a nominal fee. Talk to your agent to help you find the protection plan you need.
How Much House Can You Afford?

How much you can afford is determined by a relatively simple formula. Lenders generally figure that no more than 28 percent of your income should be for total housing costs. In addition, they require that your total monthly debt be less than 36 percent of your income. (Note: These are general numbers. Other loan programs may allow higher percentages.)

For example, if you make $48,000 a year, divided by 12 months, your monthly income is $4,000. (Remember, that’s $48,000 in gross pay, before federal and state taxes are removed.) Twenty-eight percent of $4,000 is $1,120. That is the most you can make in a monthly mortgage, taxes, and insurance payments.

Generally, to qualify, the self-employed buyer must have been self-employed in the same line of work for at least 24 months before applying for a loan. Lenders use your net income, the figure at the bottom of schedule C of your federal income tax form, to decide how large a mortgage you can carry. But they don’t look at what you earn now or what you made last year. Rather lenders figure the monthly average of your income over the past 24 months. Also, overtime pay & bonuses sometimes may not be figured into your average income.

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Who can't use some moving tips when they're packing up their whole life for a new home? If you're among thousands of people who have picked up and moved their family to a new home or a new community, you have fresh memories of some of the ups and downs or thrills or frustrations of moving.

Make a List
Write everything down! You’ll thank yourself later. Before you pack even one box, create a simple record keeping system.

Packing Central
This is where you'll find your labels, marking pens, box tape, and other supplies. When describing the box contents, be specific.

Have Plenty of Supplies
You'll need LOTS of boxes—probably more boxes than you think, and having enough boxes will make your life easier! If you buy your boxes from a moving company, you can always return unused boxes for a refund.) You'll also need strong plastic packing tape to close up the boxes securely. Use unprinted newsprint (newspaper can stain your items) or packing paper or bubble wrap to wrap and cushion household goods.

Utilize Wardrobe Boxes
These tall boxes are perfect for bulky, lightweight items such as comforters, pillows, and blankets, as well as clothes that need to remain hanging. Measure the clothes in your closets (including coat closets) to see how many wardrobe boxes you’ll need. However don’t make the boxes too heavy to lift.

Color Coordinate
Designate a color for each room in the new home, such as yellow for kitchen, orange for the dining room, etc. Apply colored stickers on the box near the box number. In your new home put a matching sticker on the door to each room and you’ll know exactly where everything should go.

Keep Things Together
Insist on keeping things together when you or the movers are packing boxes. Keep bookends with books, light bulbs with lamps, and extension cords with appliances. Small, loose parts can be attached to the item they belong to with tape or placed in small envelopes. Keep larger corresponding items (such as a cable TV cord) in resealable bags, and tape these to the underside or back of the item. As a backup, have a “Parts Box” open on the kitchen counter. Keep this box with you, or mark it well so it can be easily located on move-in day.

Safeguard Valued Items
It's a good idea to keep valuable possessions, such as silverware, collections, or antiques, with you. Check your homeowner’s insurance to see how you are covered during the move, and if you need additional insurance from the mover. Also, find out what paperwork you might need to file a claim in case of loss and of course, keep all important papers with you! These papers might include birth certificates, school records, mover estimates, new job contacts, utility company numbers, recent bank records, current bills, phone lists, closing papers, realtor info, maps, and more.

Moving Checklist

Thinking of moving, but are overwhelmed by the thought of clearing out your home and putting it on the market? You are not alone! Did you know moving is the 2nd most stressful event in someone's life? Add 30 years of family memories and loads of accumulated “stuff” and the monumental task becomes unbearable. You can break down the moving process, putting your moving anxieties to rest. A checklist can be the first step to take in creating a roadmap to a simpler home and lifestyle.

Moving Out

- Moving Preparations
  - Buy boxes
  - Schedule movers
  - Arrange transportation needs for the move
  - Reserve storage unit
  - Acquire school transcript for children

- Utilities to cancel/transfer
  - Telephone
  - Water
  - Gas & electric
  - Cable/internet

- Address changes
  - Forward new address to post office
  - Notify work contacts/human resources
  - Update bank account/investment information
  - Modify credit card account data
  - Change delivery for publications/newspapers

- Medical services updates
  - Medical records
  - Prescription transfers
  - Dental records
  - Veterinarian records

- Closer to moving day
  - Defrost refrigerator
  - Hand-carry jewelry and valuables
  - Withdraw travel cash or prepare checks
  - Leave keys/garage door openers

Notes:

Moving In

- Address change
  - Arrange for post office to hold mail for new address until move-in date

- Utilities to activate
  - New telephone number
  - Water
  - Garbage removal
  - Gas & electric
  - Cable/internet

- Government licenses/services
  - Change address on driver's license
  - Register children in new school

- If moving to a different state:
  - Apply for new driver's license
  - Register car
  - Register to vote (and find new polling place)

- Medical services updates
  - Find new doctor
  - Find new pharmacy
  - Find new dentist
  - Find new veterinarian
Looking for the right home takes a fair amount of work, this page is here to help you weigh out your top options.

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