



MAINE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Your Real Estate Experts

APRIL IS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH!

Each year in April, REALTORS® reconfirm our commitment to upholding fair housing law as well as our commitment to offering equal professional service to all in their housing search.

For additional information from HUD: [Click Here](#)

For Maine-specific guidance (includes an inquiry guide): [Click Here](#)

CONGRATULATIONS MAINE REALTORS®!

The Maine Senate and House of Representatives recognized the Maine Association of REALTORS® and our membership by reading a Joint Resolution into the legislative record. Here's a copy of the Joint Resolution: [Click Here](#)

FLOOD INSURANCE RISK RATING 2.0:

Risk Rating 2.0 was designed by the Federal Emergency Management Association to modernize the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) insurance pricing methodology and more accurately tie its rates to the flood risks of individual properties. Based on FEMA's nationwide analysis, Risk Rating 2.0 will help ensure NFIP policyholders pay a rate proportionate to their property risk. The new initiative will also help FEMA identify and target mitigation grant dollars to the highest risk properties.

Risk Rating 2.0 represents the first significant update to NFIP rating methodology in almost 50 years. The new rates took effect on October 1, 2021, for new NFIP policyholders and existing policyholders who opted in to take advantage of immediate decreases in their premiums. **All other existing policyholders receive the new rates beginning on April 1, 2022.**

FEMA Information: [Click Here](#)

60-minute NAR video: [Click Here](#)

For a snapshot of Maine: [Click Here](#)

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Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-16: REALTORS® shall

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not access or use, or permit or enable others to access or use, listed or managed property on terms or conditions other than those authorized by the owner or seller.

We are hearing that REALTORS® with their buyer clients are arriving and entering properties at times that are not confirmed by REALTORS® or their seller clients. We're also hearing of buyer clients showing up without their REALTOR® and expecting to view properties without an appointment. Arrive only at your confirmed showing time (not early or late) and refrain from unconfirmed, "quick" second views without permission and confirmation. Be sure that you and your clients follow any specific showing instructions you receive. As a best practice and for safety reasons, knock and announce yourself before entering a property (or any closed doors at the property) in case the residents are still home.

EFFICIENCY MAINE PROGRAMS:

Efficiency Maine administers energy efficiency programs in Maine with the mission to lower the cost and environmental impacts of energy in Maine by promoting cost-effective energy efficiency and alternative energy systems.

Here's a list of the programs offered by Efficiency Maine (residential and commercial): [Click Here](#)

Here are some helpful resources for homeowners: [Click Here](#)

NAR'S REMODELING IMPACT REPORT:

New hardwood floors and home offices have a big impact! Read the report here: [Click Here](#)

CANDIDATES FOR JUNE 14 PRIMARY ELECTIONS:

MAR's Legislative Committee and MARPAC Trustees will meet in April to review primary races for the Maine Legislature. As part of the process, MAR requests that members (you) provide any thoughts you may have regarding any local legislative candidates that MARPAC and/or MAR should consider in deliberations for support or opposition. Also, if you are personally running for the legislature, or know a REALTOR® or affiliate member who is running, please be sure to let MAR know that too. Send any comments or info no later than April 8 to suzanne@mainerealtors.com

A list of filed candidates for the Primary Election ballot can be downloaded here: [Click Here](#)

HEALTH INSURANCE SCAM:

If you receive a text message or phone call offering health insurance from NAR, do NOT respond or provide any personal or financial information.

Please remember, the National Association of REALTORS®, the Maine Association of REALTORS® and your local REALTOR®

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