



Dear state and regional helping organizations, state, and local leaders:

This message is sent to inform you that **2,000 Keep ME Warm (KMW) kits will be distributed to local volunteer Keep ME Warm teams on Saturday, October 25th (National “Make a Difference Day”) from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.** University of Maine Cooperative Extension county offices will serve as distribution sites with the exception of Cumberland County, where the distribution site will be the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) garage in Scarborough.

The attached message has been sent to local volunteer groups and others who have expressed interest over the past several months in being part of this effort. The attachments detail the kit contents, tools needed for installation of kits, distribution and training date and times, contact and location information for the local University of Maine Cooperative Extension offices and helping organizations as well as suggestions on how to get more kit contents at discounted pricing. For future reference, this information and any updates will be posted soon on the MaineHousing website at www.mainehousing.org.

Kit contents will be distributed based on the percentage of 2007 LIHEAP recipients by county. Different from past KMW efforts, these kits are NOT required to go only to LIHEAP eligible recipients, although they are some of the neediest of Maine’s residents. **As a reminder, kits will not be distributed to individual residents at the distribution sites, only to teams.**

Here is how you can help!

This year’s efforts require that local teams come to distribution sites with a list of local community members who need kits. These lists will come from a variety of sources. To create these lists of homes to winterize, teams will inquire with local helping organizations in their communities such as churches, agencies on aging, United Ways, community action agencies and general assistance offices, to name a few.

Your help in this effort will be invaluable. You may already know the names of some needy community members that you can share. You may have received inquiries from community members seeking kits. Please keep a list of those names, including physical addresses and phone numbers, for response to team inquiries. Please be sure to communicate with the people on your list to let them know the details of the kit distribution. Before sharing their name with a team, be sure to secure their permission for a team to install a kit in their home.

We thank you in advance for your help in providing support to these mobilizing volunteer Keep ME Warm teams. Your efforts will help make a difference for our friends and neighbors through the cold winter ahead.

You Make a Difference!
Thank You!