

Welcome to



Town of Eustis
& The Village of
Stratton



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Welcome to the Town of Eustis & The Village of Stratton located in the Western Mountains.

Town Office:

The Town Office is open 8am – 3pm Monday – Thursday and 8am – 12pm Fridays. We are located at 88 Main Street Stratton. We accept cash, check, & credit/debit cards. There is a 2.5% fee charged when using a credit card.

Our website is www.eustismaine.org

Facebook www.facebook.com/eustis.town

Administrative Assistant	Rachel Williams
Deputy Clerk.....	Addaline Hemingway
Deputy Clerk.....	Mary Donoghue
Assessor	Audra Swanson
Health Officer	Rachel Williams
Fire Chief	Sprague Wise
Registrar of Voters.....	Rachel Williams
Code Enforcement Officer.....	Peter Farnsworth
General Assistance Administrator	Rachel Williams
Librarian.....	Wendy Boyle
Water Dept. Superintendent.....	Peter Farnsworth
Water Dept Treasurer/Manager.....	Amy Richard
Water Department Back up Operator.....	Stan Simpson
Plumbing Inspector.....	Paul F. Packard
Public Works.....	Stan Simpson
Public Works.....	Ralph Caldwell
Animal Control Officer.....	Paul Bolduc
Road Commissioner.....	John Small
Solid Waste Disposal Superintendent.....	Anthony Lojas
Superintendent of Flagstaff RSU.....	Timothy Richards
Recreation Director.....	Leah Ross



Online Services available:

- ATV/Snowmobile/Boat Registrations
- Hunting & Fishing License
- Vital Records
- Motor Vehicle Registrations
- Voter Registration
- Permits

Property Taxes:

The town of Eustis year runs from January to December. The town sends tax bills out at the end of June / Beginning of July. They are due November 30th each year. The valuation is assessed to the owner of record as of April 1st of each year. If you purchased your property after April, the closing company should have explained that taxes were prorated at the closing. The Current tax bill will NOT be in your name because you did not own the property as of April 1. It is a good idea to call or come into the Town Office and ask for a tax bill and the status of the taxes.

Once you own your home for twelve consecutive months you are eligible for the Homestead Exemption. Applications are available at the Town Office or on our website @ <https://eustismaine.org/departments/assessor/>

Town Water:

If you live in the village of Stratton (south of the lake) you will be billed quarterly for your water usage. You will need to reach out to the water dept and get this put into your name when you purchase your property. 207-246-4401 or come into the Town Office. The base price for your water bill will be \$73.41 for up to 6,000 gallons. The fee after is \$3.95 per 1000 gallons you go over. This is billed quarterly.



Fire Works:

Town of Eustis Fireworks Ordinance

Authority This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the enabling provisions of the Maine Constitution, the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001, and the provisions of 8 M.R.S.A. § 223-A

Purpose This Ordinance regulates the use of consumer fireworks to ensure the safety of the residents and property owners of the Town of Eustis and of the general public.

Definitions The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Consumer Fireworks: "Consumer Fireworks" has the same meaning as in 27 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 555.11 or subsequent provision, but includes only products that are tested and certified by a 3rd party testing laboratory as conforming with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission standards, in accordance with 15 United States Code, Chapter 47. "Consumer fireworks" does not include any products which are illegal to sell, use or possess in the State of Maine (Missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, skyrockets, bottle rockets, etc.)

Permitting No person shall use, display, fire or cause to be exploded consumer fireworks within the Town of Eustis without a permit. This section shall not apply to a person in possession of a fireworks display permit by the State of Maine pursuant to Title 8, MRSA Section 227-A. Permits shall be issued by the Town of Eustis Fire Chief or designee, in accordance with normal procedures as used for the issuance of a burn permit. No permit shall be issued on any day with a fire Danger of 3, 4, or 5.

Permissible Site A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of a person who has consented, in writing, to the use of consumer fireworks on that property.

Restrictions No person shall use, display, fire or cause to be exploded consumer fireworks within 100 feet of any building or structure.



No person shall use, display, fire or cause to be exploded consumer fireworks within the Town of Eustis or from any water body within waters of the town except on the following days and during the following times:

- July 4th, beginning at noon and ending at 11 p.m.
- December 31st, beginning at noon and ending at 12:30 a.m. the following day.
- January 1st, beginning at noon and ending at 10 p.m.
- With valid permit for all other dates/times during a calendar year and ending at 10 p.m.

Violation and Enforcement

Penalty Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall commit a civil violation punishable by a penalty of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus attorney fees and cost to be recovered by the Town of Eustis for its use. Each incident shall constitute a separate violation.

Enforcement This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Town of Eustis Fire Chief and/or his designee.

Injunction In addition to any other remedies available at law or equity, the Town of Eustis, acting through its Fire Chief, may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any planned, anticipated or threatened violation of this Ordinance.

Severability In the event that any section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other section, subsection or portion of this Ordinance.

Effective Date This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment by the municipal legislative body.

Dogs:

Per Maine State Law, "A dog may not be kept within the limits of the State, unless the dog has

been licensed by its owner or keeper in accordance with the laws of this state."

Dog registrations are annual and can be obtained starting October 15th. A copy of the rabies certificate must be provided when registering your dog.

Registrations. An additional late fee begins on February 1st. Dog registrations allow the



Town Office and Animal Control to locate the owners in the case of a lost dog being found.

A dog does not need to be registered until he/she is 6 months old.

Fees:

- Spayed or Neutered: \$6.00
- Not Spayed or Neutered: \$11.00
- Late fee (added onto the original license fee): \$25.00

Dog licensing fees pay for:

- Local Animal Control Officers and State Humane Agents
- Investigation of animal cruelty complaints and enforcement of Animal Welfare Laws
- Compliance with rabies vaccination of dogs
- Care for sick and injured stray animals
- Return of lost dogs to their owners

You may register your dog at the Eustis Town Office

General Assistance:

The General Assistance Program is intended to assist people who are in need and have nowhere else to turn. It provides assistance for basic necessities such as rent, food, personal and household supplies, medication, heating fuel, utilities and other essential services. All assistance granted is in voucher form. No cash assistance is granted.

How to Apply

Applications for General Assistance are available at the Town Office upon request.

When Assistance is Granted

The administrator must issue a written decision within 24 hours of receiving a completed application. If you have not provided all the information needed to determine your eligibility you may be deemed ineligible until the information is provided.

Eligibility

With the exception of "first time" applicants, anyone applying for General Assistance must document their use of income. Current receipts showing how income has been spent are required. Only receipts for basic necessities are considered allowed expenses, which include but are not limited to food, rent, heating fuel, utilities, medication and work-related expenses. **Spend your money only on basic necessities and keep your receipts.**

Confidentiality

The information concerning your request for assistance, including the application, budget



sheet, decision and other information regarding your case is strictly confidential. You, your attorney, the administrator and certain government personnel may review your records, but the general public may not review your records unless you have given your express permission.

Fraud

If the administrator finds out that you have not told the truth, you will be disqualified from receiving GA for 120 days. In addition, the administrator may refer your case over to the Police Department or District Attorney's Office for committing General Assistance fraud, which is a Class E crime. The administrator does not want to disqualify you or get you in trouble with the law, so make sure to always tell the truth when you apply for General Assistance.

Eustis GA Contact Information

Admin Rachel Williams

Telephone Number: (207) 246-4401

After Hours 207-491-0245

Trash Removal:

The town has a Transfer Station. You can take your household trash there for no cost. There is a single sort Recycling container that you can recycle Cardboard, plastics 1,2 & 5, Newspaper, tin can, glass, & magazines. The transfer station also accepts some items for an additional charge. Refrigerators, AC units, or anything with Freon \$15. Furniture \$5. Small tires \$3 Large tires \$10. Construction debris has two prices. One for residents and one for contractors. For Residents carload \$5 pickup load \$10, 1 axle trailer \$20, 2 Axle trailer \$40. For contractors a pickup load \$15, 1 axle trailer \$30, 2 Axle trailer \$50. If you are looking for a dumpster for your business or residence there is Casella's Phone number 207.570.0346.

The town host a Household hazardous waste day every other year. This day you can take hazardous waste that usually is not taken. The opposite year our residents are able to go to a close neighboring town on HHW day.

Transfer Station Hours Saturday, Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday 8am – 4pm & Friday 8am-12pm.

Stratton Public Library:

The Stratton / Eustis Public Library is located at 88 Main Street Stratton, in the same building as the Town Office. All Residents are eligible for a library card. The library is



open to all and provides free Wi-Fi access, as well as other programs and events. Find out more information at <https://www.facebook.com/stratton.maine04982>.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 10am-5pm Tuesday & Thursday 1pm-5pm & Saturdays 9am-1pm

Elections and School Budget Referendum:

The Annual Town Election for Officers is held in the Town office building 88 Main Street. Voting is from 4pm - 8pm. This is always the Friday before the 1st Saturday of the Month of March. The Annual Town meeting is held the 1st Saturday of March at the Community Building at 9am @ 84 Main Street Stratton. All General & Referendum Elections are held at the Community Building from 8am – 8pm **Are you registered to vote?** You can register at any time, either at the Town Office or at any election. If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, please call. While we do register voters at the election it can mean waiting in line for a little while. To register to vote we need to see valid ID and proof of residency. If your drivers license does not show you a valid Eustis/ Stratton Address, we will need a utility bill, car registration, or lease agreement for proof of residency.

Motor Vehicles:

The Eustis Town Office is an agent of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. All new registrations and registration renewals can be completed at the Town Office. If you have moved to Eustis from another state, to register your vehicle we need the title, proof of insurance and the most recent registration from the state you moved from. If you do not have the title, we need the lien holder's information.

If you moved here from another municipality in Maine, we need the most recent registration and proof of insurance.

If you have registration or license restrictions, such as an SR-22, you must first pay your excise tax at the Town Office and then complete your registration at a full-service Motor Vehicle Branch.

Vanity plates must be ordered at the DMV or online at the following site:

<http://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/vanity/>

Bureau of Motor Vehicles – 101 Hospital St. Augusta 207-624-9000



Rapid Renewal – If you have registered your vehicle in Eustis, and your vehicle is registered for under 12,000lbs, you are able to process any further registration renewals, for that vehicle, online at the following site: <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/> Vehicles 25 years and older are require a title.

Excise Tax:

What is excise tax?

Excise is an annual excise tax that must be paid prior to registering your vehicle. Except for a few statutory exemptions, all vehicles registered in Maine are subject to excise tax. Excise tax is paid at the local town office where the owner of the vehicle resides. When your vehicle needs to be registered, excise tax is collected at the time of registration.

How much is excise tax?

The amount of tax you pay depends on two things: 1. The age of the vehicle 2. MSRP

Excise tax is calculated by multiplying the MSRP by the mill rate as shown. The rates drop back on January 1st of each year.

First Year .0240 Mil Rate

Second Year .01750 Mil Rate

Third Year .0135

Fourth Year .0100

Fifth Year .0065

Sixth Year .0040

Where does the tax go?

The Town of Eustis uses the Excise tax each year to offset the Tax Commitment

Local Government:

Our governing body is made up of a Board of Selectmen. The admin assistance reports to the Selectmen, Town Staff Report to the Admin Assistant or their individual Department director. To find a list of the Board members and Town Officials, visit our website. The Board of Selectmen meet every other Tuesday night at 6pm at the Town Office unless otherwise posted for the Community Building. The agenda and minutes from meetings



are posted on the town website. If you have something you wish to discuss at a selectboard meeting, please call the Town Office by 11 am on the day of the meeting to be put on the agenda.

To inquire about current or upcoming programs or things going on in town visit the following link: www.eustismaine.org

Another great site run by one of the locals to find things going on is www.Eustisme.com. You can find lots of information here.

Real Estate Taxes:

Bill Date- Tax Bills go out in the mail around the end of June beginning of July.

Bill Period – Town of Eustis runs on a Calendar year January to December.

Due Date – November 30th each year.

Interest Date – December 1st each year

Lien Date – The lien process starts 8 to 12 months after the commitment date.

Foreclosure – Foreclosure will take place 18 months after the recorded tax lien date.

Payments can be made in person, sent by mail, or online at the following link

<https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/ePayment/online/welcome>

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife:

The Eustis Town Office is an Inland Fisheries & wildlife Agent and can issue the following to you:

Registrations: ATV, Boats, & Snowmobile

Recreation: Hunting license, Fishing License

You may also purchase your registrations or licenses online by going to the following link: <https://www.maine.gov/online/sporting/>

Law and Regulation Books can be obtained at the following link:

<https://www.maine.gov/ifw/>

Building Permits and Codes:

Planning to do repairs and/or remodeling? Please see or call the Code Enforcement Officer first to ensure you are properly permitted. 207-246-4401. You can find our Land



Use Ordinance, Land Use Map, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance & building permits on our website @ <https://eustismaine.org/departments/code-enforcement/>

Fire Permits:

To check the fire danger level, go to https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire_danger_report/index.html

At times there is someone at the station to issue a burn permit. If not to obtain a fire permit go to the online service @ www.maineburnpermit.com

Business Licenses DBA (Doing Business as):

If you are planning to open a business in Eustis/Stratton, you need to come to the town office and pick up a DBA form to fill out and return. You will also need to speak to the code enforcement officer about any permit you might need from that office.

Notary Services:

All the office staff are Notary Public's. We require Picture ID. **DO NOT SIGN BEFORE YOU COME IN. YOU MUST SIGN IN FRONT OF THE NOTARY.**

Marriage License / Wedding Services:

If you are getting married, you will need to file your intentions at the Town Office and apply for a marriage license. If either party has been married previously, we require documentation showing how that marriage ended. Divorce decrees must be certified copies. (have the raised seal from the clerk) A marriage license costs \$40 and is valid for 90 days. If you want to be married in the Town Office, the fee is \$25 and you need to bring 2 witnesses.

Boards and Committees:

If you are interested in learning more about how local government works, serving on a committee or board is a great way to get involved and make an impact locally. To learn more about the Select Board, School Board, or the Planning board go to our website @ <https://eustismaine.org>.



Emergency & Important Contacts:

For Emergencies Call 911
Maine State Police 1-800-452-4664
Franklin County Sheriff Office 778-2680
Eustis Animal Control 491-5940
Central Maine Power Outages 1-800-686-1000
Maine dig Safe 811

Local Food Pantry:

The Stratton Eustis Food Pantry is on the 3rd Friday of the month. (a couple times it's the 4th Friday) The Food Pantry operates out of the Community Building at 84 Main Street Stratton ME.

Local Schools:

Stratton Elementary School 65 School Street Stratton 207-246-2283
Mt Abram High School 1513 Salem Rd Strong 207-678-2701
Rangeley High School 43 Mendolia Rd, Rangeley, ME

Medical Services:

Maine Health 111 Franklin Health Commons Farmington ME
Redington Fairview Hospital 46 Fairview Ave Skowhegan ME
Rangeley Health Center 42 Dallas Hill Rd Rangeley ME
Mt Abram Health Center 25 Depot St. Kingfield ME

Animal Care:

Carrabassett Valley Vet: 1082 Main St, Kingfield, ME 04947 207-265-2214
Vet at your Door 207-536-8387
Madison Animal Hospital 36 Business Park Dr Madison 207-696-5200



Crisis Hotline Numbers:

NAMI Maine Help Line - 1-800-464-5767 Support, education, and advocacy for anyone with questions about mental health issues.

Poison Control Center - 1-800-222-1112 (voice) 711 (relay) –24/7 availability to provide immediate treatment advise for poisonings and answer questions about poison prevention.

Maine Statewide Crisis - 1-888-568-1112 (voice) 711 (relay)- If you are concerned about you or someone else, call the crisis hotline.

Suicide Prevention – Crisis Hotline 1-888-568-1112 (voice) 711 (relay) National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Child Abuse - 1-800-452-1999 (voice) 711 (relay) The State of Maine child abuse hotline is staffed 24 hours a day.

Elder Abuse – 1-800-624-8404(voice) 711 (relay) The office of elder services provides or arranges for services to protect incapacitated and dependent adults (age 18 and over) in danger is abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Calls may be made anonymously.

Sexual Assault Support – 1-800-871-7741 (voice) 711 (relay) A 24 hour statewide sexual assault crisis and support line providing confidential services free of charge. See Wabanaki Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for phone and contact information specific to programs offered by the Wabanaki tribes of Maine.

Domestic Violence – 1-800-737-6237 – Statewide Domestic Violence Helpline. Information, crisis counseling, emotional support and advocacy. See Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for phone and contact information specific to programs offered by several tribes of Maine.

Alcohol Anonymous (AA) – 1-800-737-6237- During Business hours, your call will be taken by a member of Alcohol Anonymous who knows exactly what you are going through and can give you all the information you need. At night, they have a well-



qualified answering service, who can give meeting information, or put you in touch with a recovering alcoholic, in your area, who can speak with you about your problem.

State Alanon – 1-800-498-1844 – Staffed by volunteers answering phones, providing literature, and keeping meeting information.

Narcotics Anonymous – 1-800-974-0062 – Call the helpline to talk with a recovering addict.