

# HOME IMPROVEMENT AND CHORE SERVICES IN THE RIDGEWOOD AREA

PROVIDER	INCOME ELGIBLE	AGE RESTRICTED	MEMBERSHIP
Bergen County Community Development, Home Improvement Program	Y	N	N
Bergen Volunteers CHORE Services	N	Y	N
Greater Bergen Community Action Weatherization Assistance Program	Y	N	N
Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County	Y	N	N
Heightened Independence & Progress (HIP)	Y	Y	N
Jewish Home Family, Safely@Home	N	Y	Y
Joe's Odd Job	N	N	N
Rebuilding Together North Jersey	Y	Y	N
Umbrella	N	Y	Y

## Bergen County Community Development, Home Improvement Program

**Phone:** 201-336-6999

**Website:** [www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-improvement-program](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-improvement-program)

Provides interest free loans with no monthly payments of up to \$17,500 for single-family homes/condominium interiors and up to \$25,000 for two-family homes. Loan payback due when home is sold or title changed. Loans will pay for major system home repairs including: heating; plumbing; electrical; roof, leaders, gutters; siding; windows and doors; driveways, sidewalks, and steps. Loans are available for low to moderate income Bergen County residents who own and live in their private home. Call for specific income eligibility standards.

## Bergen Volunteers CHORE Services

**Phone:** 201-489-7790

**Email:** [chore@bergenvolunteers.org](mailto:chore@bergenvolunteers.org)

**Website:** [www.bergenvolunteers.org/programs](http://www.bergenvolunteers.org/programs)

CHORE provides handyman services to Bergen County older adults 60 years of age and older and disabled residents who own and live in their private home; more limited services provided to those living in an apartment. Handyman services are performed for free by volunteers. Clients only cover the cost of materials.

CHORE jobs include:

- Installing grab bars and wooden banisters
- Replacing outlets and switches
- Repairing leaky faucets
- Installing door bells and locks
- Changing light bulbs and smoke alarm batteries

## Greater Bergen Community Action Weatherization Assistance Program

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**Phone:** 973-546-1441

**Website:** [www.greaterbergen.org/weatherization-assistance](http://www.greaterbergen.org/weatherization-assistance)

Assists low-income homeowners in lowering heating costs and improving energy efficiency. Qualified crews of technicians repair and replace faulty windows and doors, install high-efficiency insulation and, if necessary, repair or even replace boilers, furnaces or hot water heaters. If needed, they will replace air filters to improve circulation and the quality of air in the home.

## Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County

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**Phone:** 201-457-1020

**Website:** [www.habitatbergen.org](http://www.habitatbergen.org)

Provides a wide-range of exterior home and property enhancements for low-income homeowners. Services include exterior painting, small-scale repairs to siding and trim, door and porch board replacement, landscaping and yard work.

## Heightened Independence & Progress (HIP)

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**Phone:** 201-996-9100

**Website:** [www.hipcil.org/bergen-programs/](http://www.hipcil.org/bergen-programs/)

The Modification Access project (MAP) provides partial funding to enable low to moderate income Bergen County residents who are elderly and/or disabled to increase accessibility within their homes. Some examples of home modifications are ramps, roll-in showers, railings, wheelchair lifts and the widening of doorways.

## Jewish Home Family, Safely@Home

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**Phone:** 201-518-1175

**Website:** [www.jewishhomefamily.org/safely](http://www.jewishhomefamily.org/safely)

Safely@Home is a membership program for older adults aged 62 and over who own their home and need routine and emergency home repairs. Annual membership fee is \$500 to join this service. Safely@Home also has a volunteer based handymen service that is free to low-income seniors age 65 and over who own their own home. Application and documentation required for determining eligibility.



## AGE FRIENDLY RIDGEWOOD

[AgeFriendlyRidgewood.org](http://AgeFriendlyRidgewood.org)

[Facebook.com/AgeFriendlyRidgewood](https://Facebook.com/AgeFriendlyRidgewood)

(201) 632-1554 | [AgeFriendlyRidgewood@gmail.com](mailto:AgeFriendlyRidgewood@gmail.com)

## Joe's Odd Job

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**Phone:** 201-674-0393

**Email:** [info@jojteam.co](mailto:info@jojteam.co)

**Website:** [www.joesoddjobs.com](http://www.joesoddjobs.com)

Ridgewood high school and college students will assist with moving boxes and furniture, landscaping, clean ups and straightening out, assembling furniture, and other odd jobs. Call or email to discuss your odd job needs to see if Joe's team of workers can be of assistance. Joe's Odd Jobs bill their services as "Jobs the Big Guys Won't Touch."

## Rebuilding Together North Jersey

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**Phone:** 201-447-8886

**Website:** [www.rtnorthjersey.org/about/](http://www.rtnorthjersey.org/about/)

Provides critical home repairs and accessibility modifications at no cost for low-income homeowners. Installs smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors at no cost for low-income seniors and anyone with a disability.

## Umbrella

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**Phone:** 844-402-2480

**Website:** [www.askumbrella.com](http://www.askumbrella.com)

Homeowners 60+ can join Umbrella for an annual fee of \$199 and pay \$20 an hour for tasks that include light electrical and plumbing services, housekeeping, home organization and chore services. The skilled Umbrella Neighbors take care of the small things in and around the home – switching out light fixtures, moving boxes, painting fences, installing air conditioners, raking leaves, housecleaning, and more. They can do most plumbing and electric jobs but when larger home improvements are needed and a third-party specialist is required, Umbrella will help you find a qualified, vetted professional at a fair price.