

## **City of Evanston Handyman Program**

The Handyman Program does very small scale housing rehab/repair jobs that increase safety, reduce energy and water usage and help low-income seniors age in place. The following work has been reviewed by the City of Evanston Senior Services Staff to define what types of work may be done in the Handyman Program. Larger scale rehab needs should be referred to the City of Evanston Housing Rehab program. This program is limited to serving senior citizens 65 years or older who are heads of households and whose household income does not exceed 80% of the area median income. Seniors are income qualified through the Evanston Benefit Card program.

### **Repairs/deferred maintenance (functionality/energy efficiency/safety):**

- Fix kitchen and bathroom cabinets and drawers
- Fix doors/hinges that don't open or close completely, including sliding doors
- Repair/replace broken window panes (window replacement and thermo panes excluded)
- Winterize/caulk windows to reduce drafts
- Re-attach existing down spouts
- Repair/replace door knobs/locks
- Clean gutters, weather permitting (single story home only)
- Install smoke detectors
- Install carbon monoxide detectors (includes check of furnace filter)
- Reattach dryer vents
- Install storm or screen windows
- Install or take out window air conditioners
- Cover or remove cover from window air conditioners

### **Plumbing (water saving/safety):**

- Install new/flexible showerheads
- Repair/replace leaking faucets, handles, stoppers in bathroom & kitchen sinks
- Simple toilet repair (water not shutting off, etc.)
- Caulk tub and surrounding tile/enclosure
- Repair/replace loose or damaged toilet seat
- Fix/replace kitchen faucet sprayer
- Unclog blocked plumbing (excluding main lines)

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### **Electrical (functionality/safety):**

- Repair ceiling fan
- Install/check outdoor flood lights, including motion sensors
- Fix/replace faulty light switches/pull chains and covers
- Repair/replace outlets and covers
- Replace damaged light sockets in ceiling fixtures
- Troubleshoot garage door opener (excluding garage door repairs)

### **Adaptive/Assisted Devices (functionality/safety):**

- Install grab bars and/or hand railings
- Secure loose carpeting (tripping hazard)
- Install safety strips on stairs in bathtubs
- Install bath bench
- Install raised toilet seat