



Ineligible Elevation Costs

Certain structure elevation activities and their associated costs are not eligible for reimbursement. Ineligible costs for structure elevation include, but not limited to, the following:

- Elevating structures that were not in compliance with current NFIP standards at the time of construction
- Costs related to building additions or auxiliary structures
- Construction of new decks or porches
- Any improvements for purely aesthetic reasons, unless required by the EHP compliance review
- Costs to replace or repair utility service components that are undersized, inadequately designed, or unsafe, unless required by code (except utility rooms noted as eligible costs)
- Exterior finish on the exposed foundation of the elevated building, unless required by EHP compliance review and or local code
- Additional landscaping for ornamentation beyond what existed on the site prior to construction of the project (e.g., trees, shrubs)

In addition to the items above, the following list provides additional ineligible elevation costs.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior concrete slabs | <input type="checkbox"/> Expanded porches/decks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New windows at ground level | <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of an old deck with a new one (deck may be elevated, not rebuilt) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior stairs from ground level to first floor (unless it's the only point of access from the exterior) | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded materials – i.e. flooring, additional exterior lighting, masonry steps (instead of contractor grade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional, new exterior doors at ground level | <input type="checkbox"/> New or upgraded walkways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional, new exterior doors to enter home at ground floor level | <input type="checkbox"/> Changing a regular door to a French door / sliding door |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional, new interior doors or windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground floor level: more than one light fixture, any electrical outlets, sheetrock/walls, etc., |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving \ relocating existing windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal or creation of interior walls (exception: utilities \ mechanical room) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Replacing previous windows/doors/garage doors with new ones (instead of re-using previous ones) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reframing \ Moving an interior room/closet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New garage created underneath home | <input type="checkbox"/> Dividing current rooms: Laundry/Utility/Bathroom becomes a separate Laundry and Bathroom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creation of a new room over an existing garage | <input type="checkbox"/> Converting patios to decks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any additions /expansion of footprint, unless it is required, e.g. utilities \ mechanical room | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of existing trees/shrubs that are more than 4 feet away from home's foundation unless necessary and reasonable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changing/expanding current garage | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expanding of entrance platforms for ingress\egress; unless required by code | |

- Additional, new plantings even if required by local ordinance not part of original landscaping
- Topsoil or Sod – not damaged by elevation activities – reseeding allowable
- New roof over front porch/stoop
- Creation of new features; e.g. balcony
- Re-siding the entire house (or any exterior finish on the exposed foundation, unless required by EHP compliance review and/or local code)
- Realtor Fees for Temporary Housing
- Security Deposits for Temporary Housing
- Late fees for Temporary Housing
- Interest on Loans