



# 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