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WATERTOWN SENIOR PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM for Fiscal Year 2024

The City is offering the Property Tax Work-Off Program to Watertown homeowners who are Veterans or aged 60 and older. This program allows for up to ten residents a \$1,500 deduction from their property tax bill in exchange for 100 or 92 hours of work for a City department, from July 1, 2023 until March 1, 2024. (Based on \$15 (2023) or \$16.25 (2024) per hour State minimum wage for all positions.)

To qualify for consideration, applicants must complete the attached application and be:

- Age 60 or older **and** Retired; OR a Veteran
- Own and occupy the property for which the taxes are deducted
- Applicant's skills must match those needed by the participating City departments. Past projects have included: computer data entry, helping to run Zoom programs, answering phones, administrative tasks and projects for the Library, City Hall, Schools Recreation, Veterans or Public Health Departments, or for the Senior Center.
- The City gives preference to individuals whose annual income is 300% of the 2022 Federal Poverty level or less (\$40,770 for single, \$54,930 for married couple), **and** who are new to the program, and then other applicants will be considered if slots are available. Copies of most recent income tax returns will be requested to verify income.
- Once selected to participate, applicants will complete additional personnel forms, provide identification, and complete a CORI form. Please note that the amount of the property tax reduction earned under this program is NOT considered income or wages for purposes of the STATE income tax withholding, unemployment compensation or workmen's compensation; **however, under current federal law the amount IS INCLUDED in the taxpayer's gross income for Federal Income Tax.**

If interested, please complete the application and return to the Senior Center. Call 617-972-6490 with any questions. Please note these hours are subject to taxation, any questions about its effects on your individual taxes should be answered by a tax professional.

Thank you.

City of Watertown Property Tax Work-Off Program FY2024-CONFIDENTIAL

**RETURN TO: WATERTOWN SENIOR CENTER-31 MARSHALL ST-WATERTOWN, MA
02472**

Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Eligibility requirements below. Preference to applicants who meet income guidelines.	YES	NO
1. Age 60 or older and Retired, OR a Veteran (Veterans must provide a copy of their DD-214 or other proof of Veteran Status)		
2. Homeowner or Spouse of Homeowner (one spouse can participate in the program)		
3. Watertown Resident		
4. Resides in property for 3 years or more, for which rebate is requested		
5. <i>Please attach copy of Current Property Tax Bill</i>		
6. Meets limited financial resources: (Annual income: Single: \$40,770 or less; Married couple: \$54,930 or less). This includes all sources: employment, Social Security, IRA/other, interest income, etc. <i>Please attach most recent Tax Return.</i>		
7. If “no” is checked for # 6 - (do not meet income guidelines), I still would like to be considered for this program if a slot is available.		

Please circle days and list times when you are most available:

- Monday _____
- Tuesday _____
- Wednesday _____
- Thursday _____
- Friday _____

Experience and Skills:

- Work experiences:

- Special skills:

Job placements would be available in a variety of town departments.

Please indicate in which areas you may like to work:

- Town Hall_____
- Senior Center_____
- Schools_____
- Library_____
- Fire_____
- Public Works_____
- Other_____

Have you previously worked through the Property Tax Work Off? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please indicate what jobs you did during previous years: _____

Signature_____ Date_____

Thank you for your interest in the program. The Council on Aging will be in touch as to an interview.