

Tax Exemptions & Programs

HOMEOWNER'S PROGRAM: Homeowner's who are 65 or older (as of the prior December 31st), or 100% disabled, and meet certain income guidelines, may be eligible for an exemption. **An application along with proof of income must be filed** biennially between February 1st and May 15th.

RENTER'S RELIEF PROGRAM: Renter's who are 65 or older (as of the prior December 31st), or 100% disabled, and meet certain income guidelines, may be eligible to receive a rebate for rent expenses directly from the State of CT. **An application along with proof of income and rent expenses must be filed** annually between April 1st and October 1st.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION: Those who served 90 days or more during a time of war may be eligible to receive a minimum \$6,000 exemption. **Honorable discharges must be filed with the Town Clerk** by October 1st to be eligible for an exemption on the following July tax bill. Disabled Veterans need to file proof of VA rating with the Assessor to receive an increased exemption. A 2018 statute now allows Other Than Honorable discharges to receive this exemption under special, limited circumstances.

IN-SERVICE VETERAN'S EXEMPTION: Any member of the armed forces (including a member of the reserves or the Connecticut National Guard) currently serving on active duty may be eligible to receive the basic veteran's exemption of \$6,000. **An application must be filed annually** prior to October 1st in order to receive the exemption on the following July tax bill.

DISABLED VETERANS: An increased veteran's exemption is available for those who have a VA disability rating. **Proof of disability rating must be submitted** to the Assessor's Office.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION: Increased veteran's exemption are available for those who meet necessary income requirements. **An application along with proof of income must be filed** with the Assessor biennially between February 1st and October 1st.

LOCAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION: This exemption was approved by the Town in April 2017 and gives income-qualifying applicants an additional \$10,000 exemption. **An application along with proof of income must be filed** with the Assessor biennially between February 1st and October 1st. The income threshold is higher, and therefore easier to meet, than the additional veteran's exemption.

ACTIVE DUTY MOTOR VEHICLE EXEMPTION: Any member of the armed forces currently serving on active duty is eligible for the total exemption of ONE motor vehicle. **An application must be filed** not later than the 31st day of December next following the date on which the property tax is due. Out-of-state residents stationed in CT are eligible for the total exemption of ALL motor vehicles registered in CT. **An application along with proof of residency must be filed** with the Assessor.

TOTALLY DISABLED EXEMPTION: A property tax exemption in the amount of \$1,000 is granted to persons who are permanently and totally disabled. **An application along with proof of disability must be filed** by January 31st in order to receive an exemption on the following July tax bill.

BLIND EXEMPTION: An exemption in the amount of \$3,000 is granted to persons who are blind. **An application must be filed** prior to October 1st for exemption on the following July tax bill.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION: An exemption of farm machinery and equipment up to \$200,000 is available to those who file a personal property declaration. **A notarized exemption application must be filed** before November 1st every year.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION: An exemption of machinery and equipment installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process is available to those who file a personal property declaration. **A notarized exemption application must be filed** before November 1st every year.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: There are reduced assessments for land than can be classified as Farm, Forest or Open Space. **An application must be filed** between September 1st and October 31st for a reduced assessment on the following July tax bill.