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WATERTOWN SENIOR PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

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Dear Watertown Senior Homeowner,

The Town is offering the Property Tax Work-Off Program to Watertown senior homeowners again this year. This program allows for up to ten seniors (age 60 and older) a \$1,500 deduction from their property tax bill in exchange for 125 hours of work for a Town department, from July 1, 2019 until March 1, 2020. (Based on \$12.00 per hour minimum wage for all positions.)

Participants should be retired and must own and occupy the property for which the taxes are deducted. In addition, the applicant's skills must match those needed by the participating Town departments. Past projects have included: computer data entry, answering phones, administrative tasks and projects at the Library, Town Hall, Schools, Recreation, Veterans Services or Public Health Departments, or at the Senior Center.

The Town gives preference to individuals whose annual income is 300% of the 2019 Federal Poverty level or less (\$37,470 for single, \$50,730 for married couple), and who are new to the program, and then other applicants will be considered. Copies of your most recent income tax return will be requested to verify income. Past participants of the program will be considered as slots are available. After meeting with the selected Town Department and chosen for participation, applicants will visit the Senior Center to complete the W4 and I-9 with identification back-up 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 form and return to the Senior Center. You will be contacted for an interview. Call 617-972-6490 with any questions. Thank you.

Town of Watertown Property Tax Work-Off Program FY2020-CONFIDENTIAL

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

Name: _____ Phone Number(s): _____

Address: _____

EMAIL: _____ Birthday: _____

Are you a Veteran or spouse of a Veteran? Yes____ No____

Eligibility requirements below. Preference to applicants who meet income guidelines.	YES	NO
1. Age 60 or older & Retired		
2. Homeowner or Spouse of Homeowner (one spouse can participate in the program)		
3. Watertown Resident		
4. Resides in property for which rebate is requested for 3 years or more		
5. <i>Please attach copy of Current Property Tax Bill</i>		
6. Meets limited financial resources: (Annual income: Single: \$37,470 or less; Married couple: \$50,730 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.		

1. Please list any past work or volunteer experiences below. Feel free to attach a resume if you have one:

2. Please list any special skills:

3. Please list hobbies and interests:

4. Please circle days and preferable times when you are most available:

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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