



Town of Colchester Tax Relief Options

2015—2016

Contact the Assessor's Office or Appropriate Agency

- Detailed qualifications for each program
- Applications
- Additional Information and Questions
- Assessor — 860-537-7205
- Senior Center — 860-537-3911
- Fire Department — 860-537-2512

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- ◆ Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department (CHVFD) Member Tax Exemptions

Disclaimer—The highlights provided in this flyer do not include all of the information and qualifications for each program. They are provided to give a brief overlook of the programs in a simplified form. For all requirements and specifics of each program, please contact Colchester's Assessor or appropriate agency.

State Elderly Homeowners and Totally Disabled Individuals Tax Relief Program

1. Owner (or spouse, if domiciled together) must have been 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year prior to filing
2. Disability applications must show proof of current disability — such as SSA-1099
3. Own and reside at the property
4. Qualifying income—not exceed \$35,200 if single or \$42,900 if married (combined income)
5. Proof of income is required
6. Tax Credit Maximums—\$1000 Unmarried, \$1250 Married
7. Applications are filed every two years
8. **Filing Period — February 1st — May 15, 2016**

****Income Qualifications 2015 IRS Filing, exemption applied to the 2015 Grand List***

Legally Blind Exemption

1. \$3000 exemption off assessment, real estate or motor vehicle(s)
2. File one time
3. **Filing Period — prior to October 1, 2016***

**** Exemption applied to the 2016 Grand List***

Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department Member Tax Exemptions (CHVFD)

1. CHVFD members who pay property tax in the Town of Colchester shall be eligible for the exemption provided they meet the criteria outlined in the Code of the Town of Colchester Chapter 129
2. The CHVFD Exemption Eligibility Committee shall submit to the Town Assessor a list identifying the CHVFD members who are eligible for an exemption
3. **For more information, contact the CHVFD**

Disability Exemption Program

1. Totally disabled — non-military
2. \$1000 exemption off assessment, real estate or motor vehicle(s)
3. Proof of disability is required — such as a letter from Social Security
4. **File one time prior to October 1, 2016***

***Exemption applied to the 2016 Grand List**

Elderly Renters' Rebate Program

1. Maximum Income qualifications—\$35,200 single and \$42,900 married - proof of income required
2. 65 years of age or older
3. Includes totally disabled as defined by state statute
4. One year residency
5. Applications are filed annually
6. **Filing Period — May 15th — September 15, 2016**

Contact the Senior Center — 860-537-3911

For detailed qualifications for the renters rebate tax relief program, applications, and for additional information and questions.

Colchester's Tax Relief Program for Homeowners who are Elderly or Permanently & Totally Dis- abled, adopted 2008

1. May also apply for the State of CT Elderly & Disabled Homeowners Tax Relief Program
2. Maximum Income qualifications—\$40,200 single and \$47,900 married (amount adjusted annually)
3. Proof of income; must be liable for taxes
4. Elderly criteria—65 years of age or older or 60 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of taxpayer who qualified at time of death
5. Disability criteria—permanently & totally disabled individuals
6. Principal residence and minimum one year residency, immediately prior to any tax relief
7. Town places a lien on the property including 3% interest annually on amount of tax relief
8. Applications must be filed annually
9. **Filing Period — February 1st — August 1, 2016**

***Income Qualifications 2015 IRS Filing , exemption applied to the 2015 Grand List**

Veterans' Program

1. All current and honorably discharged veterans who have served a minimum of 90 days in wartime are eligible for a \$3000 exemption off their assessment of real estate or motor vehicle(s)
2. Special provisions apply for surviving spouses
3. File original or certified copy of discharge paperwork (ex. DD-214) with Town Clerk one time
4. **Filing Period — By October 1st, 2016***

**Exemption applied to the 2016 Grand List*

Additional Veterans' Program **(Income qualified)**

1. Qualifying income—\$35,200 single and \$42,900 married*
2. Special provisions apply for surviving spouses
3. Applications are filed every two years
4. **Filing Period — February 1st — September 30, 2016**

**Income Qualifications 2015 IRS Filing, exemption applied to the 2016 Grand List*

Disabled Veterans' Program

1. Additional exemptions based on severity of the disabilities
2. Contact the Assessor for more information
3. Applications are filed annually
4. **Filing Period — prior to March 31, 2016***

**Exemption applied to the 2016 Grand List*

Local Option Veterans' Program- **2004**

1. Eligible veterans or spouses
2. Income qualification, same limits as State Additional Veterans' Program—\$35,200 single and \$42,900 married*
3. An additional property tax exemption applicable to the assessed value of property up to \$3000
4. Applications are filed every two years
5. Contact the Assessor for specific qualifications
6. **Filing Period — February 1st — September 30, 2016**
**Income Qualifications 2015 IRS Filing, exemption applied to the 2016 Grand List*