



## Town of Colchester Tax Relief Options:

2023—2024

- ◆ State of Connecticut Elderly and Totally disabled Homeowners Tax Credit Program
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- ◆ State of Connecticut Elderly Renters Rebate Program
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- ◆ State of Connecticut Legally Blind Exemption
- ◆ Town of Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department (CHVFD) Member Tax Credits

*Disclaimer—This brochure aims to give a brief overview of the tax relief options available within Colchester in a simplified format. However, it does not include all of the information and qualifications for each program. For more detailed specifics on how to make application, please contact the Colchester Assessor's Office (or other appropriate agency) directly.*

**Please contact the Assessor's Office or other appropriate agency to receive:**

- Detailed qualifications for each program
- Applications
- Additional information and FAQ

**Assessor's Office — 860-537-7205**

**Social Services — 860-537-7255**

**CHV Fire Department — 860-537-2512**

**Internet — [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov)**

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## **State of Connecticut Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowner's Tax Credit 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 a letter from Social Security
3. Own and reside at the property
4. Maximum Income Qualifications—\$43,800 if single or \$53,400 if married (combined income)
5. Proof of income is required to be attached to application
6. Tax Credit Maximums—\$1,000 Unmarried, \$1,250 Married
7. State approved tax credits do not have to be repaid by the taxpayer
8. Applications are filed every two years in the Assessor's Office
9. **Filing Period — February 1st — May 15, 2024**

***\*Income Qualifications 2023 IRS Filing, exemption applied to the 2023 Grand List***

## **State of Connecticut Legally Blind Exemption**

1. 3,000 assessment reduction of real estate or motor vehicle account
2. Legally Blind certification must be filed with Assessor's Office
3. **File one time prior to October 1, 2024\***

***\* Exemption applied to the 2024 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**

## **State of Connecticut Totally Disabled Exemption**

1. Totally disabled — non-military
2. 1,000 assessment reduction of real estate or motor vehicle account
3. Proof of disability, such as a letter from Social Security must be filed with the Assessor's office
4. ***File one time prior to October 1, 2024\****

***\*Exemption applied to the 2024 Grand List***

## **State of Connecticut Elderly Renters Rebate Program**

1. Maximum Income qualifications—\$43,800 single and \$53,400 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 with Social Services
6. ***Filing Period — April 1st — September 30, 2024***

## **Town of Colchester Elderly or... Totally Disabled Homeowner's Tax Deferral Program**

1. May also apply for the State of CT Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowners Tax Relief Program
2. Maximum Income qualifications—\$48,800 single and \$59,100 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 with the Assessor's Office
9. ***Filing Period — February 1st — August 1, 2024***

***\*Income Qualifications 2023 IRS Filing , exemption applied to the 2023 Grand List***

## **State of Connecticut Veterans Exemption**

1. All honorably discharged veterans who have served 90 days or more during a period of war (as defined by state statute) may be eligible to receive a 3,000 assessment reduction of either their real estate or their motor vehicle account
2. File original or certified copy of discharge paperwork (ex. M-214) with Town Clerk one time
3. **Filing Period — By October 1st, 2024**

*\*Exemption applied to the 2024 Grand List*

## **State of Connecticut Additional Veterans Program**

1. Must first file and be approved for the basic Veteran's Exemption highlighted above
2. Maximum income limits—\$43,800 single and \$53,400 married\*
3. Special provisions apply for surviving spouses
4. Applications are filed every two years
5. **Filing Period — February 1st — September 30, 2024**

*\*Income Qualifications 2023 IRS Filing, exemption applied to the 2024 Grand List*

## **Disabled Veterans Program**

1. Must have discharge paperwork or entitlement certificate
2. Additional exemption based on VA disability rating
3. File copy of VA Award Letter with the Assessor's Office
4. One time filing, unless award is changed, then file copy of revised VA Award Letter prior to deadline
4. **Filing Period — prior to March 31, 2024\***

*\*Exemption applied to the 2023 Grand List*

## **Town of Colchester Additional Veterans Program**

1. Eligible veterans or spouses
2. Income qualification, same limits as State Additional Veterans' Program—\$43,800 single and \$53,400 married\*
3. Assessment reduction up to 3,000 of a real estate or motor vehicle account
4. Applications are filed every two years
5. **Filing Period — February 1st — September 30, 2024**

*\*Income Qualifications 2023 IRS Filing, exemption applied to the 2024 Grand List*