

**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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## 2008 Tax Relief Options

### *Colchester, Connecticut*

- ◆ **State Elderly Homeowners and Totally Disabled Individuals Tax Relief Program**
- ◆ **Colchester's Tax Relief Program for Homeowners who are Elderly or Permanently & Totally Disabled 2008**
- ◆ **Veterans' and Disable Veterans' Programs**
- ◆ **Elderly Renters' Rebate Program**
- ◆ **Disability Exemption Program**
- ◆ **Blind Exemption**
- ◆ **Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire**

***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 \$30,500 if single or \$37,300 if married (both husband and wife 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 15th***

**Legally Blind Exemption**

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

**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.
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 1st***

### **Elderly Renters' Rebate Program**

1. Maximum Income qualifications—\$30,500 single and \$37,300 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 15th***

**Contact the Senior Center — 537-3911**

- ◆ ***Detailed qualifications for the renters' rebate tax relief program***
- ◆ ***Applications***
- ◆ ***Additional information and questions***

### **Colchester's Tax Relief Program for Homeowners who are Elderly or Permanently & Totally Disabled, adopted 2008**

1. May also apply for the State of CT Elderly & Disabled Homeowners Tax Relief Program
2. Maximum Income qualifications—\$35,500 single and \$42,300 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***

### **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. ***By October 1st*** — Original or certified copy of DD-214 must be on file with Town Clerk

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

1. Qualifying income—\$30,500 single and \$37,300 married
2. Special provisions apply for surviving spouses
3. Applications are filed every two years
4. ***Filing Period — February 1st — October 1st***

### **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***

### **Local Option Veterans' Program-2004**

1. Eligible veterans or spouses
2. Income qualification
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 — October 1st***