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2024 Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off Program Applications Available

NORTHAMPTON - The Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off program is accepting applications for the next program year. The program allows income-eligible seniors and veterans to earn up to a \$1,500 abatement off their property taxes in exchange for volunteering in city departments and entities. Since 2014, 221 eligible seniors and veterans have participated in this program providing in excess of 20,000 hours of volunteer service to city departments. For these volunteer services, the city provided over \$250,000 in property tax relief.

The Senior Tax Work Off Program is open to older adults aged 60 and older, who own property in and pay real estate taxes to the City of Northampton. Income limits for the 2024 program follow the Massachusetts Median Income levels. The Veteran Tax Work Off Program is open to veterans, (as defined by MGL Chapter 4 §7 clause 43), regardless of income limits, who own property in and pay real estate taxes to the City of Northampton. Participants in either program must complete 100 hours of service in the program year to receive the full \$ 1,500 tax credit. The program is set to run from January 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024.

Interested seniors and veterans can complete an application online or pick one up in person at the Assessor's Office, Senior Center, or Veterans Services Office. The deadline for applications is November 17, 2023. Paper copies of the Senior Tax Work Off Applications should be dropped off at the Assessor's Office in City Hall, 210 Main Street. Paper copies of the Veterans' Tax Work Off Applications should be dropped off at the Veterans Service Office at Memorial Hall, 240 Main Street.

For more detail and the online application please visit:

For seniors - <https://northamptonma.gov/2066/Senior-Tax-Work-Off-Program>

For Veterans - <https://northamptonma.gov/1455/Veteran-Property-Tax-Work-Off-Program>