

TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

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Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Program

This program provides tax relief for low-income elderly and disabled persons by returning a portion of the property taxes and/or rent and heat expenses. A person may qualify if they are a full-year resident, 65 or older, disabled, or a surviving spouse 58 years of age or older. They must have an annual income of \$12,000 or less for a single person household and \$15,700 for two people. The maximum refund is \$600 per year for property tax or rent and \$192 for the heat refund. You may obtain an application at www.taxcolorado.com or call (303) 238-7378. Forms and information are also available at Fort Collins Regional Service Center, 1121 W. Prospect Rd., Bldg. D, Fort Collins.

Colorado Property Tax Deferral Program

This program allows a person who is 65 years of age or older to defer or postpone the payment of their property taxes on their residence. All deferred taxes become due and payable (with interest) upon the death of the taxpayer, when the property is sold or when the property is no longer owner occupied. For more information, contact the Larimer County Treasurer's office at (970) 498-7020.

City of Fort Collins Rebate Program

This program rebates a portion of the City sales tax paid on food to anyone meeting income and residency requirements. In addition, rebates of a portion of City utility charges and the City property tax (or rent) are available to seniors (age 65+) and people with disabilities who meet income and residency requirements. Applications are accepted August through December. Call (970) 221-6788 for information on income requirements and to request an application.

City of Loveland Food Sales Tax Rebate

This program issues food sales tax rebates to individuals and families who qualify according to HUD income guidelines. Rebate amounts are based on an estimate according to family size and income level. Applications are accepted from August 1–September 30 of each year. For more information, call (970) 962-2361.

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Senior Property Tax Homestead Exemption

This program provides a property tax exemption of 50% of the first \$200,000 of actual value of residential property and is available to homeowners who are 65 years of age or older on January 1 and have been the owner of record for the 10 years prior to the assessment date. Applications must be submitted to the county assessor by July 15 of the year for which the exemption is requested. Forms are available on the Division of Property Taxation's website at www.dola.state.co.us/propertytax. They may also be obtained from the Larimer County assessor at (970) 498-7050.

Tax Work Off Programs

The following programs provide tax relief for eligible individuals in exchange for work performed:

Larimer County Senior Citizens' Property Tax Work-Off Program

This program allows people to work off up to \$400 of the Larimer County portion of their property tax bill. In order to qualify, a person must be 60 years of age or older and have a monthly household income at or below \$1,733 (for 1 person) and \$2,333 (for 2 people). Qualified taxpayers are placed in jobs in various Larimer County departments and paid \$7.28 per hour. Applications are only taken at the beginning of February. For more information, call (970) 498-7759.

Poudre School District/Senior Tax Work-Off Program

This program is for people 60 years of age or older who live in the Poudre School District. Participants work in the schools and are paid \$6.00 per hour and can work up to 80 hours for a maximum of \$480. Contact (970) 490-3208 for further information.

Thompson R2J School District/Senior Tax Work-Off Program

This program is for people who are 61 years of age or older and live within the Thompson School district boundaries. Each individual will be allowed to work in the schools a maximum of 40 hours at minimum wage. Applications are only taken in August. For further information, call (970) 613-5072.

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