



HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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2025 Trash Collection, Watershed Protection Fee Assistance & Bay Fee Hardship Exemptions Deadline: June 1, 2025

There is a refuse collection charge assistance program, administered by the Department of Finance, to assist individuals who qualify under the program in payment of the refuse collection charge established under subtitle 20.904 of the Howard County Code.

Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must own the residential property for which the County provides refuse collection services, **OR**
 - Owns a mobile home that is located in a mobile home park in the County, for which the County provides refuse collection service, if the individual submits evidence that he or she is paying the refuse collection charge to the park owner under subsection 16.511(d) of the County Code.
- The individual's income is 250 percent or less of the poverty level, as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and adjusted for family size.
- On July 1 of the year in which application is made, the individual:
 - Resides in the property for which refuse collection services are provided; or
 - In the case of a mobile homeowner, the individual resides in the mobile home.

The following are the Trash Fee Credit Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$39,125
2	\$52,875
3	\$66,625
4	\$80,375

Household Size	Maximum Gross Income
5	\$94,125
6	\$107,875
7	\$121,625
8	\$133,375

Please submit the following with the original copy of the application:

- **ID** – Copy of a valid Maryland Driver's License or MVA-issued I.D. for all owners. If an owner listed on the deed does not reside at the property, please provide their state-issued driver's license or state-issued photo identification.
- Complete **ALL SECTIONS** of Trash Fee Credit Application.

2024 Federal Income Tax Return – **NOTE : Self-prepared tax returns will not be accepted**

- **IRS Wage and Income Transcript** – www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript **or**
- **IRS Form 1040** including applicable supporting schedules prepared by a certified tax preparer
- **Income** – All income documents, such as W-2, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV
- **Social Security & Railroad** – SSA-1099, RRB 1099
- **IRA, Pensions, & Annuities** – 1099R for all distributions and rollover forms, if applicable

If submitting an application by email, please send documents as PDF attachments. **PHONE PHOTO DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



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We encourage you to apply by May 1; however, you should not expect to receive the credit on the July 1 bill. You are advised to pay the tax bill as shown if you wish to receive the early payment discount offered by Howard County. If you pay your bill in full, then you will receive a refund once the credit has been applied.

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Parcel Number (located on the Howard County Property Tax Bill): _____

Owner/Applicant's Full Name: _____

Co-Owner/Spouse's Full Name: _____

Property Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please list all household members and their income.

NAME	AGE	INCOME
1. Owner/Applicant:		\$
2. Co-Owner/Spouse:		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
5.		\$
6.		\$
Total Income:		\$

Income Verification

In individual cases, an applicant may later be requested to submit additional verification or other evidence of income in order to substantiate the application for the property tax credit. I declare under the penalties of perjury, pursuant to Sec. 1-201 of the Maryland Tax-Property Code Annotated that this application (including any accompanying forms and statements) has been examined by me and the information contained herein, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true correct and complete; that I have reported all monies received; that I have a legal interest in this property; and that this dwelling will be my principal residence for the prescribed period. I understand that the Howard County Department of Finance may request additional information at a later date to verify the statements reported on this form, and that independent verifications of the information reported may be made. I also understand that intentionally providing false information on this application may result in repayments of credits.

Owner/Applicant Signature

Date

Co-Applicant/Spouse Signature

Date

<p>Address for Application Submission: Howard County Department of Finance Trash, Watershed, and Bay Tax Credit 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043</p>	<p>Contact Information: Phone: (410) 313-2062 Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Email: taxcredit@howardcountymd.gov Website: www.howardcountymd.gov/finance/tax-credits</p>
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The original application and all supporting documents must be submitted by June 1, 2025