

## Town of Westport Grand List year 2009 Property Tax Relief

Applications for Tax Relief are taken in the Assessor's Office in Town Hall, Room 104 (Phone number: 203-341-1070) and also at the Center for Senior Activities, 21 Imperial Avenue. The dates for filing are as follows:

<b>State Programs</b>	February 1 - May 14
<b>Town Credit</b>	February 1 - May 14
<b>Town Deferral</b>	February 1 - December 30
<b>Town Sewer Deferral</b>	February 1 - November 15
<b>Town Add'l Vets</b>	February 1 - October 1

Town tax relief must be applied for every year, although the state program applications are required every two years. Many applicants receive assistance from both the state and the town.

Tax relief is available to residents 65 and older or residents who are permanently and totally disabled. To assist you in determining eligibility, the information is given in the chart below.

### Income guidelines for property relief programs

Program	Maximum Income	Amount of benefit	Benefit type
<b>State credit</b>	\$32,300 (single)	\$150 - \$1000	Waiver
	\$39,500 (married)	\$150 - \$1250	Waiver
<b>Town credit</b>	under \$25,000	\$3,500	Waiver
	\$25,000 – under \$35,000	\$3,000	Waiver
	\$35,000- under \$45,000	\$2,000	Waiver
	\$45,000- under \$55,000	\$1000	Waiver
<b>Town deferral</b>	\$75,000	up to 100% of taxes	Deferral
<b>Town deferral</b>	\$75,000 - \$100,000	tax increase only	Deferral
<b>Town add'l vets</b>	\$57,300 (single)	\$20,000	off assessment
	\$64,500 (married)		

The above incomes include **adjusted gross income plus non-taxable social security**. Qualified applicants will be allowed to subtract medical expenses greater than 7½% (this amount is located on the itemized page of your tax return) of income from total income amount, as defined by the IRS code. **Please bring all information (2009 tax return and 2009 social security earning statement) when applying.**

**Under town guidelines, applicants who qualify for the town credit are now able to take advantage of the deferral program as well as the town credit.**

Taxes and interest are not due on the deferral program until the home changes title. Simple (non-compounding) interest (4%) is charged.

Residents who find it difficult to get to Town Hall to apply for tax relief are invited to call the Department of Human Services, 203-341-1050, and request a home visit.

**The above income levels refer to the 2009 grand list year. Adjustments will be reflected in the July 2010 tax bill.**