

Montgomery County Homeowners & Renters with Modest Income May Be Eligible for a Tax Credit

Property Tax Credit: You may qualify for a property tax credit if you own your home, your household income is about \$64,000 or less, and your assets are less than about \$200,000 (not including the value of your home or retirement savings.) Apply by calling the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation at 1-800-944-7403. Or apply online: www.dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners%27-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx

Property Tax Deferral: If you are age 65 years or older and your family income is less than about \$80,000, you may be eligible to defer the increase in the County Property Tax portion of your bill. Learn more: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/seniordeferral.html

Renters Tax Credit: Montgomery County Renter's Tax Credit Program helps people with modest income who are age 60 or older, or 100% disabled, or who have children under age 18. Applications are available by calling Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation at 1-800-944-7403 or visit dat.maryland.gov

Montgomery County Offers Help with Housing Costs

The Rental Assistance Program helps those who meet eligibility criteria such as age, income, disability, etc. Call 240-777-4400 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RAP

The Housing Choice Voucher Program www.hocmc.org provides assistance to help those with very low-income, including those who are elderly or disabled, to afford housing. Apply to join the lottery at HOCHousingPath.com

HHS Emergency Assistance is offered in emergency situations based on income, etc. to people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, stranded from their home, victims of disaster, holding overdue utility bills or needing burial assistance. Call 240-777-0311 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs and click on the Housing/Energy tab under the Benefits/Housing tab at the top of the page.

Montgomery County's Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program offers affordable rents at MPDU apartment complexes throughout the County. Individuals must apply directly to the MPDU complex of their choice. Call 240-777-0311 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mpdu

Check it out! The County Commission on Aging invites residents to attend a March 29 forum, "Age Friendly Montgomery – What It Does For You." 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring.

Contact Us Today

• Aging & Disability Resource Line 240-777-3000

• 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311 for County programs and services; 9-1-1 for emergency

• www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior

• "Seniors Today" airs on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. on Comcast/RCN 6, Verizon 30