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Prince George's County Resource Guide for Tax Sale and Tax Foreclosure

Property Tax Bill Information

<p>Prince George's Office of Finance 301-952-5025 County Administration Building, Suite 3200 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20772</p>	<p>For questions about the status of a property tax bill.</p> <p>For information about this year's tax sale you can also visit (http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Finance/Taxes/TaxSale/Pages/default.aspx)</p>
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Property Tax Credits, Assessments & Assistance

<p>Homestead Tax Credit For more information and a link to the application visit: http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx</p>	<p>The Homestead Tax Credit gives you a credit on your taxes if your house assessment increases by more than a certain percentage in one year. You only need to apply once.</p>
<p>The Homeowner's Property Tax Credit To get more information and income guidelines, visit: http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners%27-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx</p> <p>Direct link to the application: http://www.dat.state.md.us/SDAT%20Forms/HTC-60.pdf</p>	<p>Homeowners who are income eligible based on a sliding scale can get a credit towards their property taxes. To get this credit you need to fill out an application every year by September 1. (New homeowners can apply at any time of the year). (Those 70 & older can apply retroactively).</p>
<p>Veterans Property Tax Exemption For more information and application: http://veterans.maryland.gov/maryland-tax-benefits/</p>	<p>Veterans who are determined 100% disabled by the VA and the unmarried spouses of military members who were killed in the line of duty are eligible for a full property tax exemption.</p>
<p>Partial Tax Exemption for Blind Persons For more details and an application: http://www.dat.state.md.us/SDAT%20Forms/blind.pdf</p>	<p>Individuals who have permanent impairment of both eyes as determined by a medical doctor are eligible for a \$15,000 reduction in the assessment of the property.</p>
<p>Exemption for Home Improvements for Health or Medical Conditions Application available at: http://www.dat.state.md.us/SDAT%20Forms/medcnec.pdf</p>	<p>An improvement to a property for health or medical conditions cannot be assessed for tax purposes as long as it is less than 10% of the value of the property.</p>
<p>Tax Deferral for Elderly & Disabled Homeowners Application available at: http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/Finance/Resources/Forms/Pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>Provides deferral of a portion of county taxes for homeowners who have been in their homes for 5 years or more, are 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled, and have yearly household income less than \$45,000.</p>
<p>Assessment Disputes Petition form available at: http://www.ghi.coop/sites/default/files/attachments/news/Tax_Appeal_form.pdf</p>	<p>Homeowners who believe their property has declined in value since the last assessment can file a petition to review the assessment.</p>

Assistance with Utility Bills, Weatherization and Home Repairs

<p>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) 301-206-9772 14501 Sweitzer Lane Laurel, Maryland 20707 https://www.wsscwater.com/home.html</p>	<p>For incorrect water bills, send review request to WSSC's Dispute Resolving Board (DRB) to review the bill at cust-relations@wsscwater.com.</p> <p>For water leaks, call 1-800-634-8400 or go to WSSC website to request a check for a leak.</p> <p>For trouble getting a review or credit, call legal resources listed on page 3.</p>
<p>Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) (301) 909-6300 425 Brightseat Road Landover, Md. 20785 English and Spanish translated applications available. http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page_id=4410</p>	<p>Helps Maryland low income residents pay heating bills. MEAP makes payments directly to utility/energy company. Program also helps with repair of broken/inefficient furnaces.</p>
<p>Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) You access the application online. English and Spanish translated applications available. http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page_id=4410</p>	<p>Helps low income electric customers with or without service. EUSP helps by paying current and past due electric bills, and helps with energy efficiency.</p>
<p>Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF) (To apply you must go to a Salvation Army address below to complete the application) Salvation Army (301) 277-6103 4825 Edmonston Rd. Hyattsville, MD 20781</p>	<p>Partnership between Washington Gas and Salvation Army to help residents in winter. Residents in financial need can apply to WAFF for funds to heat their homes. All applications must be through the local Salvation Army.</p>
<p>211 Call 211 or visit www.211md.org/.</p>	<p>For information about assistance paying an electric bill.</p>
<p>Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program 7800 Harkins Road, Lanham, MD 20706 singlefamilyhousing.dhcd@maryland.gov (301) 429-7821</p>	<p>Income eligible homeowners can apply for a loan to correct exterior and interior deficiencies; make accessibility modifications; correct health and safety violations; improve weatherization and energy conservation; and correct lead-based paint violations.</p>
<p>Weatherization Assistance Program 1-800-638-7781 http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/ARRA/WAP.aspx</p>	<p>The Weatherization Assistance Program helps eligible low-income households lower their energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes. Priority is given to homeowners who are elderly, disabled and families with children and/or who have the highest energy consumption.</p>

Assistance with Public Benefits & Alternative Housing Options

<p>Maryland Access Point 410-396-2273 http://www.marylandaccesspoint.info/</p>	<p>For information about housing options for seniors or people with disabilities.</p>
<p>211 You can also get information here: http://www.211md.org/211provider-md-housing-homeless</p>	<p>For households facing homelessness or help with the homeowners property tax credit.</p>
<p>Prince George's County Department of Social Services (301) 909-7000 805 Bright Seat Rd. Landover, MD 20785 http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/socialservices/Pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>Information about public benefits and programs. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday</p>

Legal Resources

<p>Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) 410-547-6537 http://www.mvlslaw.org/</p>	<p>For free legal assistance with a tax sale or tax foreclosure matter or deed/estate issue for income eligible clients. (Also assists clients with other civil legal issues).</p>
<p>Legal Aid Bureau 888-213-3320 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 200 Landover, MD 20785 http://www.mdlab.org/</p>	<p>For free legal assistance with a tax sale matter for income eligible clients. (Also assists clients with other civil legal issues).</p>
<p>Maryland Attorney General's Office Consumer Hotline 410-528-8662</p>	<p>For complaints about reverse mortgage fraud or other types of consumer fraud.</p>
<p>Public Justice Center 410-625-9409 http://www.publicjustice.org/</p>	<p>For free legal assistance to tenants of properties in tax sale foreclosure.</p>
<p>Community Law Center 410-366-0922 http://communitylaw.org/</p>	<p>For free legal services to nonprofit developers facing tax foreclosure issues and/or interested in acquiring properties through tax sale foreclosure.</p>
<p>Civil Justice 520 W. Fayette St. Suite 410 Baltimore, MD 21201 http://www.civiljusticenetwork.org/</p>	<p>Homeowners who do not qualify for free legal assistance may be able to get low cost legal assistance through Civil Justice.</p>

Housing Counseling

<p>Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP) 301-699-3835 6525 Belcrest Road, Suite 555 Hyattsville, MD 20782 http://hiphomes.org/wp/</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>
<p>Centro DE Apoyo Familiar (CAF) 301-328-3292 6801 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 201 Riverdale, MD 20737 http://www.mycaf.org/</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>
<p>Greater Washington Urban League 301-985-3519 5012 Rhode Island Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20781 https://www.gwul.org/</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>
<p>Housing Options & Planning Enterprises Inc. (H.O.P.E.) 301-567-3330 6188 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 70 Oxon Hill, MD 20745 http://hopefinancial.org/site/</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>
<p>KAIROS Development Corporation (301) 899-1180 601 Old Branch Avenue Camp Springs, Maryland 20748 http://www.kairosgroups.org</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>
<p>HomeFree USA (301) 891-8400 6200 Baltimore Avenue Riverdale, MD 20737 http://www.homefreeusa.org/aboutus</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>
<p>Latino Economic Development Center 11002 Veirs Mill Rd, Suite 503 Wheaton, MD 20902 http://www.ledcmetro.org/about-ledc</p>	<p>For a free housing counselor who can assist Prince George’s County residents with a mortgage who are facing tax sale. Housing counselors can also assist with the homeowner’s property tax credit.</p>