

Town of Dracut
Senior Property Tax Work Off Program
2025 Guidelines

A program where Dracut seniors can earn up to a \$600 tax credit toward their 2026 property tax bill by completing 60 hours of service in a town department.

Program Eligibility:

- Be 60 years or older
- Be a homeowner or current spouse of homeowner
 - If your home is in a trust you must be a Trustee and Beneficiary of the Trust
- Reside in the Town of Dracut
- Occupy the property for which the property taxes are paid
- Be retired and not working as of January 1, 2024
- Not be receiving any other abatement or exemption from the Town of Dracut
- Total income cannot exceed MA 2024 Circuit Breaker Credit income levels
 - \$64,000 for a single individual who is not head of household
 - \$80,000 for a head of household
 - \$96,000 for married couples filing jointly

Application:

- A maximum of 55 seniors can participate in this program annually
- Applications are accepted beginning December 1st 2024
- To apply, fill out the Senior Property Tax Work Off Application (reverse of this page)
- Submit application to the Dracut Senior Center
 - Include a copy of your most recent property tax bill
 - Include a copy of your 2023 Federal Tax Return (the first 2 pages of your 1040)
 - If you do not have your tax return or do not file one please fill out a 4506T available at the Senior Center. This form is then faxed to the IRS. IRS will then send verification to your address of record. Provide this verification to the Senior Center when received.
- Applications are accepted until 3:30 PM on December 31st, 2024 at the Dracut Senior Center, 951 Mammoth Road
 - If 54 seniors or less apply and are deemed eligible, applications will then continue to be accepted until all slots are filled
 - If 56 or more seniors apply and are deemed eligible, a lottery system will be used to fill the 55 slots. If any seniors selected drop out of the program, the seniors not selected will be entered into a lottery again to fill that open slot

Placement & Hours Completion:

- Once you have been deemed eligible, and selected if there is a lottery, the COA director will work with you to match you with an open position within a town department.
- You must then complete your 60 hours by October 31st, 2025 in order to receive the full \$600 off your 2026 property tax bill. If you complete less than 60 hours your stipend will be pro-rated at the rate of \$10/hour
 - A Proxy can be named to complete hours on a participant's behalf. Contact COA for more details.
 - The town employee you have been reporting to will sign off on your hours and return the certification of completion form to the Senior Center on or before 11/7/2025
- Work Off participants need to fill out the application and submit required documents annually.

Town of Dracut
Senior Property Tax Work Off Program – 2025 Application

Name of Applicant: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you retired and not working as of January 1 st , 2024?	Yes	No
Are you at least 60 years old?	Yes	No
Are you the home owner (or spouse) for which this credit is being sought?	Yes	No
Do you reside in this home?	Yes	No
Do you pay property taxes?	Yes	No
Are you receiving any other abatement for this property?	Yes	No
Is your home in a Trust?	Yes	No
- If so, are you the Trustee and Beneficiary of the Trust	Yes	No

Property Tax Work Off positions are available in multiple town departments. Applicants are placed based on department needs and the applicant's qualifications/skills/interests.

Have you participated in the Work Off Program before? Yes No

If yes, please list the town department(s): _____

Please describe your past work/volunteer experience, skills, interests, and/or hobbies:

Please list the town department(s) you would prefer: _____

_____ Include a copy of your 2023 tax return (or fill out a 4506T to be submitted to the IRS)

_____ Include a copy of your most recent Town of Dracut property tax bill

_____ If home is in a Trust: Include the Schedule of Beneficiaries from the trust document

I understand that I may earn up to a maximum credit of \$600 to be applied to my 2026 Town of Dracut property tax bill. If I do not complete all 60 hours, my stipend will be pro-rated at a rate of \$10/hour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Determined Income Eligible: _____ Yes _____ No Date: _____

Placed with: _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____

Completed Hours: _____ Department: _____ Date: _____