



Commissioners of Sharptown

P.O. BOX 338
401 MAIN STREET
SHARPTOWN, MARYLAND 21861-0338
MEETS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption Application

Please print all information

Complete this form and return to
Town Hall, 401 Main Street or call 410-883-3767 for assistance.

All supporting documents must accompany this application.
You will receive an adjusted Water & Sewer Bill once application is processed
and approved.

Property Account number

Water & Sewer Account number

Name(s)

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Signature of Property Owner(s)

Phone Number

Application Date

- Do you receive a credit on your Wicomico County Property Tax bill issued by the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit Program?

_____ Yes

_____ No

AND (one of the following:)

- Do you receive energy assistance or subsidy?

Type: _____

- Do you receive any public assistance (Medical Assistance, Food Stamps, SSI etc.?)

Type: _____

- Do you receive veterans or social security disability benefits?

Type: _____



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Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund (Flush Tax)

This Maryland Law was passed on May 26, 2004, in part, due to the Chesapeake Bay's steady decline in water quality due to over enrichment of nutrients (Mainly phosphorus and nitrogen). The runoff from wastewater treatment plants is one of the top three major contributors of nutrients entering the Bay. The Bill (SB320/HB446) was created so that the wastewater treatment plant users can finance the upgrade of Maryland's wastewater treatment plants with enhanced nutrient removal technology.

The Town of Sharptown was charged with billing the fee to all water and sewer accounts as a separate line item on their water and sewer bills. The Town of Sharptown collects the fee and turns the funds over to the State of Maryland who administers the funds.

Effective July 1, 2012, the fee was increased from \$7.50 to \$15.00 per quarter per household or equivalent dwelling unit.

Financial Hardship Exemption Guidance

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) approved a Bay Restoration Fee Financial Hardship Exemption Program. You may qualify for an exemption if you can provide documentation verifying that within the last 12 months you have:

- received energy assistance, or
- received public assistance or food stamps, or
- received Veteran's or Social Security disability benefits
- **and** receive a credit on your Wicomico County property tax bill issued by the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit Program

There are no guaranteed approvals, only properties that are owner occupied and meeting the minimum qualifications will receive approval for the Bay Restoration Fee Hardship Exemption. Please be advised, the Hardship Exemption is only good for one year and property owners must apply yearly.

For addition information, please call 410-883-3767.