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2026 Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off Program Applications Available

NORTHAMPTON - The City of Northampton is now accepting Senior and Veteran Tax Work Off applications for the 2026 program year. In 2024, participants provided quality volunteer services to city departments while earning \$57,497 in property tax relief. The current 2025 program ends on October 31, 2025. This valued program provides an opportunity for eligible residents in the community to share their skills and expertise to the benefit of the city while earning tax credits toward their property taxes.

The Senior Tax Work Off Program is open to seniors age 60 and older who own property in and pay real estate taxes to the City of Northampton. Income limits for the 2026 program follow the Massachusetts Median Income levels. The Veteran Tax Work Off Program is open to veterans (as defined by MGL Chapter 4 §7 clause 43), regardless of income limits, who own property in and pay real estate taxes to the City of Northampton. Participants in the Senior Tax Work Off program must complete 133.33 hours of volunteer service to receive the full \$2,000 tax credit. The Veterans Tax Work Off program offers a maximum of \$1,500 in tax credit, which requires 100 hours of volunteer service. The program is set to run from January 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026.

Applications for interested older adults and veterans will be available on October 6, 2025. Applications may be downloaded from the website or may be picked up in person at the Assessor's Office, Senior Center, or Veterans Services Office. Completed applications must be received in the Assessors' Office or completed online no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2025.

More information on the Senior Tax Work Off Program can be found at <https://northamptonma.gov/2066/Senior-Tax-Work-Off-Program>, and for more information about the Veteran Tax Work Off Program, please visit: <https://northamptonma.gov/1455/Veteran-Tax-Work-Off-Program>. You can also contact the Senior Center at (413) 587-1228 or Veterans Services at (413) 587-1299.