

**Town of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland**  
**Residential Application**  
**Bay Restoration Fee Financial Hardship Exemption**

On May 26, 2004, Senate Bill 320 was signed into law, creating the Bay Restoration Fund (“BRF”). The purpose of the bill was to create a dedicated fund financed by wastewater treatment plant users to be used to upgrade Maryland’s wastewater treatment plants with enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) technology. On July 1, 2012, House Bill 446 increased the mandated BRF fee from \$2.50 per month to \$5.00 per month, and required that BRF fee billing authorities develop a financial hardship fee waiver plan for low income households.

Residents of the Town of Chesapeake Beach may apply directly to the Town for an exemption from the fee due to substantial financial hardship. Exemptions are valid for a one year period. Applicants may reapply annually.

Mail completed application along with all supporting documents to:

Town of Chesapeake Beach  
Attn: Town Treasurer  
P.O. Box 400  
Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Eligibility:

Proof of residency must be provided by supplying (1) A copy of applicant’s photo identification, **and** (2) a copy of tax bill, current utility bill, or executed lease.

To be eligible for the hardship exemption, you **must** meet at least two of the following conditions.

- Receive energy assistance subsidy. Confirmation on official letterhead is required.
- Receive public assistance - supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps. Confirmation on official letterhead is required.
- Receive veterans or social security disability benefits. Confirmation on official letterhead is required.
- Meet the income criteria established by the Maryland Department of Human Resources/Office of Home Energy Programs. A copy of the tax return you filed for the prior calendar year is required.

**Income Eligibility Limits**  
**Effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards</b>	<b>Maximum Gross Yearly Income Standards</b>
1	\$1,628.95	\$19,547.50
2	\$2,206.45	\$26,477.50
3	\$2,783.95	\$33,407.50
4	\$3,361.45	\$40,337.50
5	\$3,938.95	\$47,267.50
6	\$4,516.45	\$54,197.50
For each additional person, add	\$577.50	\$6,930.00

