



TOWN OF LA PLATA  
BAY RESTORATION FUND  
FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION PLAN & PROCEDURES

**PLAN**

In accordance with the Maryland Bay Restoration Fund (BRF) law (HB 446/2012 Session), the Town of La Plata has established a BRF fee exemption plan for “residential” water/sewer users based on “financial hardship”. Under the plan, homeowners that apply and qualify, annually, will be exempted from paying the Bay Restoration Fee for a maximum of one fiscal year.

**QUALIFYING FACTORS:** *(Homeowner must meet two (2) for an exemption to be granted.)*

- Be receiving an energy assistance subsidy from the Department of Social Services.
- Be receiving public assistance benefits such as supplemental security income (SSI) or food stamps.
- Be receiving veterans or social security disability benefits.
- Have applied for and received the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit for the same Fiscal Year.
- Meet the following household income criteria

<i>Household Size</i>	<i>Maximum Monthly Income</i>	<i>Maximum Yearly Income</i>
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	\$44,337.50
5	\$3,938.95	\$47,267.50
6	\$4,516.45	\$54,197.50
Each additional person	\$577.50	\$6,930.00

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND FORMS**

In order to be granted an exemption, homeowners must complete a Town application each year.

The completed application, with all of the required documentation (see application), must be submitted to the Town Treasurer, Town of La Plata, 305 Queen Anne St., PO Box 2268, La Plata, MD 20646, before May 30, for the year that will be starting the following July 1.

Town staff will review the application and supporting documentation to determine the homeowner’s eligibility. Assuming they deem the applicant to be eligible, they will remove the BRF charges from the homeowner’s bills for the fiscal year.

An exemption is good for a maximum of one fiscal year (July 1st – June 30th) and homeowners must prepare and submit a new application and supporting documentation each year, before May 30, for the year that will be starting the following July 1.