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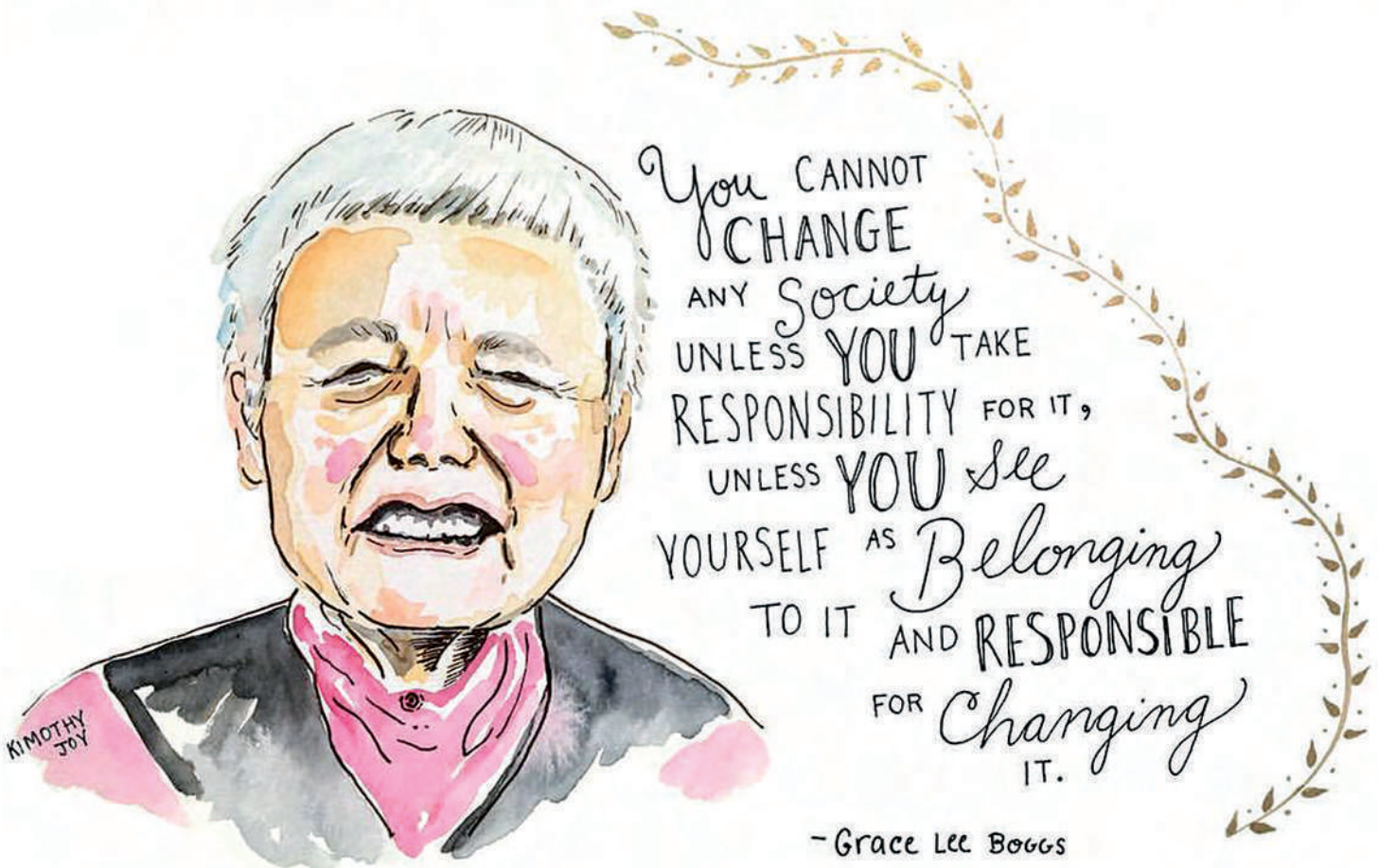
INTRODUCTION

Rooted We Rise is a collection of information from many organizations and coalitions working on one or more issues of gentrification specific to Detroit. There are thousands of resources and assistance programs that the public doesn't know about and are not easy to find. The goal of this resource is to give Detroiters a guide of organizations, programs, and other resources that have been found useful by those resisting impacts of gentrification including increased housing taxes, police misconduct, and tenant rights.

This guide is intended to grow and evolve as new resources are created and identified. Are there any resources you know of that you believe should be included in this packet but are not? If so, please send your information to Breathe Free Detroit so that we might pass it along to the rest of our community.

You will find this guide useful in your efforts to strengthen community and preserve your home. Each year we will be compiling new resources to update Rooted We Rise; as some of these programs move on and resources discontinue. Resources found in this second edition have been selected with care and represent the best programs, resources, and entities responsible to their field of work.

If this guide is useful, let us know! If not, we also appreciate your suggestions and feedback, so please reach out. No resource guide is perfect. If any errors are found, kindly notify us so that they can be corrected in the next issue.



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EXPLANATION

Breathe Free Detroit began as a campaign to shut down Detroit's incinerator. In 2019, we achieved this goal and it shut it down for good! After our big win, Breathe Free Detroit's work has grown to advocate for a related change: a just transition for our community, our waste, and our workers. In these efforts for a just transition, we work to ensure that our neighbors who are long-term Detroiters living around the incinerator are not pushed out by incoming gentrification and new development.

Here you will find chapters of available resources for protecting homes from foreclosure, utility assistance, renter protection, legal assistance, civil liberty assistance, and more. This is intended to be an anti-gentrification resource guide for our community, which has lived through generations of severely harmful pollution from the incinerator. We work to be sure our community will stay and live through the better, healthier times for generations to come.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER

JANUARY - City property assessment completed. The assessment shows property information for the year including the taxpayer name, the assessed value of the home, and if there is a PRE exemption. The size of the assessment reflects how big the property tax bills will be in July and December.

JANUARY - "Show Cause Hearing" for homeowners to make arrangements to stop foreclosures.

JANUARY 15 - Your winter property taxes from the previous year are due. If you have not paid your Summer tax bill, the balance will be included.

FEBRUARY 1 THRU 15 - Appeal your Property Tax Assessment. *(See Page 69)*

MARCH 1 - Any unpaid property taxes owed to the City of Detroit become delinquent and transfer to the Wayne County Treasurer.

MARCH 31 - Deadline to make arrangements to avoid foreclosure if you owe taxes for 2018 or prior. *(See Page 8-10)*

APRIL 5 - The Board of Review releases decisions on Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HTAP). You are encouraged to apply two weeks prior to the review dates. *(See Pages 8, 17-20)*

MAY 1 - Applications for Summer Tax Deferments and Senior Solid Waste Discounts are available at the Detroit Taxpayer Service Center *(See pages 21, 26-28)*

JULY - Summer tax bill arrives. This is the first property tax bill for the year. It is much higher than the Winter bill. To minimize costs, pay in full by August 31, or pay in two installments August 15 and January 15.

JULY 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 15 - General Application period for Senior Solid Waste Discount Applications and Summer Tax Deferment. *(See pages 21-22, 26-28)*

JULY 20 - The Board of Review releases decisions on Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HTAP). You are encouraged to apply two weeks prior to the review dates. *(See Pages 8, 17-20)*

AUGUST 31 - Summer property taxes are due in full.

SEPTEMBER 15 - Summer Tax Deferment Application is due to the City Treasurer before September 15, or before the date your summer taxes are due, whichever is later. *(See pages 21-22)*

SEPTEMBER THRU OCTOBER - Foreclosed homes will be sold in the online auction to the highest bidder. Residents of foreclosed homes may have to prepare to buy their home in auction if they did not qualify for, or missed the deadline for Right of Refusal. *(See page 31)*

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER - Properties at risk of foreclosure in 2022 get a "yellow bag" on the door.

NOVEMBER THRU DECEMBER - Properties sold in the auction will have new owners. The residents might buy back the home, rent it, or face eviction. *(See page 31)*

DECEMBER - Winter tax bill arrives, this is the second and last property tax bill for the year.

DECEMBER 13, 2021 - The last day to submit the 2021 Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program Application (HPTAP) for 2021. *(See Pages 8, 17-20)*

THE NEED FOR A JUST TRANSITION MOVEMENT ECOSYSTEM IN THE MIDWEST

In a span of 100 years, economic, cultural and political transformation of the Midwest went from a place of Indigenous territory to immigrant dominance. The dual symbiotic development of industrialization and large-scale urbanization produced Rust and Grain Belt cities such as Detroit, Minneapolis and Chicago. These cities were critical loci for the national economic engine of the 20th century the birth centers of the corporate automobile industry (Detroit), electricity industry (Chicago), and food/agriculture industry (Minneapolis/St. Paul aka "Twin Cities"). This export based, fossil fuel driven economy created a system of cities and places that transformed communities, people and nature into capital, labor and natural resources for the purpose of growing the corporate economy. The result was that these cities were once considered places of economic opportunity for working-class migrants. Throughout the twentieth century, great migrations of working families from the US South, Latin America/Caribbean, and Native people were either pushed or pulled into urban communities and often found work in large scale industrial factories powered by extreme energy. As the home to the electricity, agro-industrial and automotive industries, the region was hit the hardest by the unJust Transition to deindustrialization.

Communities of color were particularly impacted by the loss of jobs and the creation of impoverished urban communities characterized by racial domination, dilapidated housing, the illicit drug economy, and environmental contamination. Once held as shining examples of U.S. economic might, many of our cities transformed into horrific examples of economic and environmental degradation. At the frontline of US economic decline, environmental justice communities throughout the Midwest Great Lakes region fully understand the need for economic justice and a Just Transition to a new economy freed of a dependency on fossil fuels. Our collaboration envisions a powerful network of organizations committed to building the sustainable institutions and cultural practices that will support the new economy.

As organizations at the forefront of local environmental justice struggles, we also agree that it is a pivotal moment to organize a Just Transition movement in our region. Environmental justice communities are challenging extreme energy and leading inspiring struggles for a new economy, but our very ability to remain rooted in our communities is threatened by state sanctioned plans operating on behalf of the extractive capitalist system. In the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, states exercising power in Rust Belt cities have become further centralized, authoritarian, and committed to completing privatization. These strategic efforts to remake cities are causing unprecedented hardships in environmental justice communities throughout the region.

In Detroit, families are enduring water shutoffs and displacement produced by the Detroit Future City plan, communities in Chicago are witnessing endless violence and school closings, and gentrification in the Twin Cities is progressing at a startling pace. In the meantime, frontline environmental justice communities in our region are also bearing the brunt of the fracking industry with petcoke companies polluting neighborhoods and waterways. In addition to being the most vulnerable to climate change, low income and working-class communities of color are now faced with

ruthless attacks on our homes, collective bargaining rights, schools, transit services, and public spaces. Across the region our communities are treated as expendable populations and are experiencing intense practices of displacement.

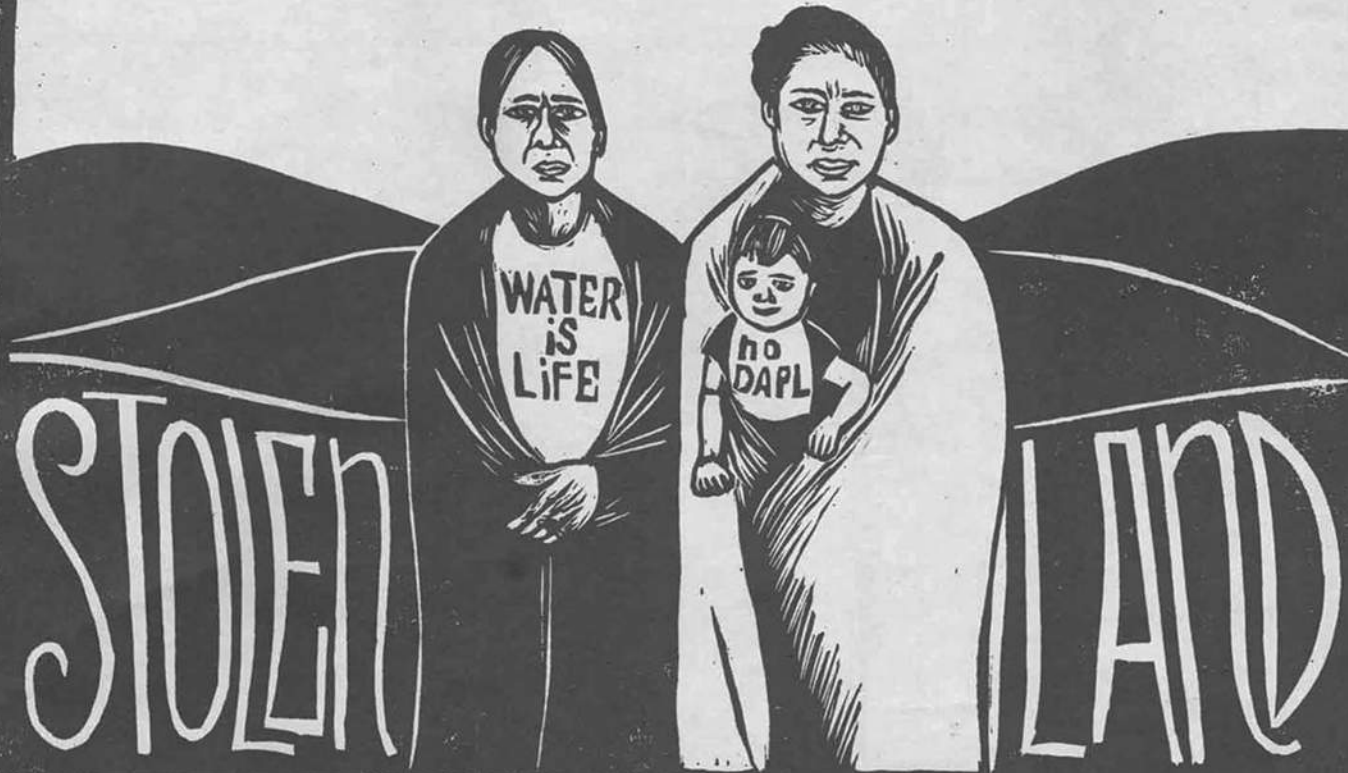
As environmental justice organizations we share the understanding that these oppressive processes are imposed upon environmental justice communities by neoliberal policies of both Democrats and Republicans. Unfortunately, in the Midwest, even progressive sustainability advocates have not incorporated or understood the underlying race and class issues that undergird the present extreme energy economy. The result is that solutions and proposals are primarily focused on either sustaining the economic and political positions, or minimizing the negative effects, of the white upper middle class. Too often, this means that true transition for political and economic democracy that lifts the issues of low income, Indigenous and communities of color are considered less important than narrowly defined environmental goals.

In particular, our organizations have learned through experience that our struggle for a Just Transition confronts a powerful form of progressive racism that is distinctive to the Midwest Great Lakes region. We recognize that our effort to build a Just Transition movement must challenge progressive ideas of economic development and socio-economic advancement that currently structure the attacks on communities of color and displacement of poor people. Progressive racism must be challenged regionally as progressive tactics and narratives of economic growth are often incubated in one location and transferred to others. Planning projects and dominant narratives that celebrate the “revival of Detroit”, “widespread civic participation” in Minneapolis, and the “reinvestment in Chicago communities” epitomize progressive politics.

In reality our organizations continually confront paternalistic practices, and racist notions that poor people of color offer no contribution to the economic development of urban environments. In addition to effectively reproducing white supremacy, progressive racism reinforces hypermasculinity by supporting aggressive economic interventions by elected officials, and emergency managers in the case of Detroit. A regional Just Transition movement rooted in environmental justice principles has the potential to create an alternative vision of community and economic development based on true equity and dignity.

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1. EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT
TO OWN PROPERTY ALONE AS WELL
AS IN ASSOCIATION WITH OTHERS
2. NO ONE SHALL BE ARBITRARILY
DEPRIVED OF THEIR PROPERTY



ARTICLE 17

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS



Homeowner Paperwork and Tax Exemptions (1)

Property taxes come every year from the City. Unpaid taxes become delinquent with Wayne County Treasurer, where they grow with interest and fees. If you owe taxes for 2018 or prior, your home could be foreclosed March 31, 2021. **Save your home with 1) Tax Exemptions with the City, 2) Payment Plans with Wayne County Treasurer, and 3) other additional resources.**

PTA- Property Transfer Affidavit

About: PTA is a form that property owners must file with the City Assessor to put the taxes in their name. Once you are the taxpayer, you can qualify for tax breaks, such as PRE and HTPAP.

To Qualify: You must be the property owner.

Application Process:

1. Fill out PTA with your city assessor within 45 days of getting ownership, if possible. Form is online at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/14260f_2688_7.pdf.
2. Go to the Ground Floor of Coleman A. Young with your PTA and proof of ownership (deed) to get your PTA stamped.
3. Keep a stamped copy of the PTA for your records with your ownership papers.

PRE- Principal Residence Exemption

About: PRE, or homestead, is an exemption for homeowners. You should have PRE if you own the property and live in it. PRE can save you approximately 20% on your taxes every year. After filing, your assessment should show PRE 100%

To Qualify: You must own your home and have current ID at the address

Application Process:

1. Fill out a PRE form with City Assessor or https://www.michigan.gov/documents/2368f_2605_7.pdf
2. Go to the Ground Floor of Coleman A. Young with your PREA and proof of occupancy (ID at this address) to get your PRE stamped.
3. Keep a stamped copy of the PRE for your records with your ownership papers.

Note: If you have delinquent taxes, you will need a PRE to get the IRSPA plan.

HPTAP- Poverty Tax Exemption

About: HPTAP is tax exemption low-income homeowners. If you are approved for HTPAP, your 2021 taxes will be lowered and you will be eligible for PAYS to reduce any delinquent taxes.

To Qualify: You must own your home, have PRE, and have a low household income. Some cities may require you to file income taxes. You may get a partial or full exemption based on the amount of household income. Income requirements differ in each city.

Application Process:

1. Gather documents (deed, ID, proof of 2020 income, 2020 income tax filing, etc.)
2. Complete the application. It should be available with your City Assessor, online, and it may be mailed to your house. If you are in Detroit, visit detroitmi.gov/HPTAP.
3. If you are on a fixed income, complete the extra 1 page "Affirmation to Remain Exempt" form to receive renewal for up to 3 additional years.

Note: Help is available with local nonprofits listed on the above website.



Payment Plans with Wayne County Treasurer (2)

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PAYS- Pay as You Stay

About: PAYS is a zero-interest tax reduction or payment plan for homeowners. PAYS takes your home out of foreclosure, reduces debt, and removes all interest and fees.

To Qualify: PAYS is available to low-income homeowners who get approved for HPTAP.

Application Process:

- Apply for HPTAP Tax Exemption and get approved.
- Decide if you want to pay a lump sum or enter a monthly plan. The one-time lump sum is recommended because it comes with a larger discount and you can immediately be out of debt once you enroll. The monthly plan is 36 months (3 years long).
- Enroll online and make your payment. Enroll at pta.waynecounty.org and follow instructions after clicking the purple [PAYS] button. You can also call to make an appointment (313-224-5990) or call UCHC (313-405-7726).

IRSPA- Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement

About: IRSPA is a payment plan that takes your home out of foreclosure, gives you 5 years pay, and reduces interest from 18% to 6%. IRSPA bundles all delinquencies owed at the time you sign up. Treat your IRSPA like a mortgage: get on it once and pay every month until the debt is gone. While you are on the IRSPA, pay every month on the oldest tax year owing to the Wayne County Treasurer (first priority) and keep current on taxes owing to the City so they do not become delinquent (second priority).

To Qualify: You must be a homeowner with a PRE and you must not have had an IRSPA before.

IRSPA is recommended for homeowners who don't qualify for HPTAP Poverty Tax Exemption, who haven't been approved yet, or who live in communities that do not have PAYS.

Application Process: To sign up and make payments, go to pta.waynecounty.org, or make an appointment with Wayne County Treasurer (313-224-5990), or contact UCHC (313-405-7726).

Note: If you miss payments and are kicked off the IRSPA, your debt will increase and your home could be foreclosed the following year. If you are kicked off IRSPA, making payments may not help stop the foreclosure so save money and speak to UCHC counselors.

DOOE- Distressed Owner-Occupant Extension

About: DOOE is an extension that can take your home out of foreclosure. DOOE does not reduce taxes, but it can stop foreclosure for one year while you make other arrangements.

To Qualify: You must own your home, live in it, and owe no taxes prior to 2018. You might need a DOOE if you cannot make payments, if you are waiting to get into an IRSPA, or if you are waiting to qualify for PAYS.

Application Process: To apply, you must sign the front and back page of the form, and provide Deed, ID and a recent bill in your name at the address. The DOOE form is available online at waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/taxpayer-assistance.aspx or with UCHC.

Note: Once you are ready to make payments, UCHC recommends you apply for plans that reduce tax debt, such as PAYS or IRSPA.



Additional Resources (3)

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Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit

About: The State of Michigan can help you pay current year property taxes with a tax credit based on your home's property taxes. The credit can be up to \$1,500.

To Qualify: You must be an owner or renter and have occupied your home for at least 6 months. Your home's taxable value must be less than \$135,000. Your total household resources must be less than \$60,000. You can file even if you are not required to file income taxes.

Application Process: You should complete the Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit Claim MI-1040CR to apply for the credit. Go to your tax preparer or get free help below:

- Wayne Metro – make an appt at www.waynemetro.org/taxes or call 313-388-9799
- Accounting Aid Society – make an appt at accountingaidsociety.org or 313-556-1920

SER- State Emergency Relief

About: Low-income homeowners facing tax foreclosure may qualify for State Emergency Relief to pay property taxes.

To Qualify: You must have the “yellow bag” Foreclosure notice that is put on the front door of foreclosed homes and your foreclosable taxes must be \$2,000 or less.

Application Process: Share your foreclosure notice with a DHHS case worker and complete the SER form for property tax assistance. Note, there may be a co-pay.

Wayne Metro “CARES” Assistance

About: Wayne Metro is a non-profit that can help provide funding and other services to low-income homeowners in Wayne County. Services include income tax filing, plumbing repair, and funds for household issues including property taxes, utilities, funeral assistance and more.

To Qualify: You must be a resident of Wayne County, have low income, and apply for help. **Application**

Process: Complete the online application waynemetro.tfaforms.net/4849089 or call 313-388-9799.

See Page 50 for more information on Wayne Metro CARES Assistance



Probate in a Foreclosed Home

If your home is owned by a deceased family member, you may need to open a Probate Case to become the owner. A deceased person cannot deed the home to you, so probate is a process that grants ownership through the courts. The probate court process can take several months and may involve going to the court at least three times. You must make sure to complete the probate process until it is over.

Our Service:

UHC and MLS assist residents of homes with tax-foreclosure issues to complete the probate process. We are not able to represent you in Probate Court, but we will assist you to create a strategy, prepare forms, and apply for other assistance.

We do not charge for our services, but there are costs associated with the probate process.

Expected Costs:

- \$175.00- Filing Fee (or \$0 if you receive public assistance)
- \$ 12.00- Letter of authority
- \$ 95.15 -Publishing Cost
- \$ ____ - Inventory Fees - varies per case

Note: fees vary based on the time of death, the size of the estate, etc. You will also need to pay any recording fees that are needed to record the transfer of title at the Register of Deeds

Property Tax Foreclosure with Probate:

If you open a probate case in a timely manner, you may be able to stop the tax foreclosure process with the Wayne County Treasurer. After the probate process is over, you will be the owner of the home and you will also inherit delinquent property taxes. However, as the owner/occupant, you will be entitled to tax exemptions and more affordable payment plan options. You may have to enter a payment plan with Wayne County Treasurer for the property taxes if your probate case is old, or if you do not open it in time. You may only qualify for a "REGSPA" plan.

If probate is not possible, you may qualify for the Make it Home program to become the owner of your home through the tax foreclosure.

See reverse side for list of documents requested for probate.

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www.uchcdetroit.org www.milegalservices.org



The following documents will be needed to complete the probate process:

- Will (if there is one)
- Whatever proof you have that you should be given title to the home you live in, for example:
 - Last recorded deed to the property (Copies can be purchased for a small fee at Register of Deeds, 400 Monroe Street, 7th Floor).
 - Land contract
 - Receipts showing payment to the last owner
- Death certificate(s) for previous property owner.
- Copies of any previous Probate matters for this property, whether case is open or not
- List of all known heirs, devisees and interested parties, which includes their names, current addresses and current telephone numbers, and their relationship to the deceased person (e.g., "son," "wife," etc.)
 - HEIRS are: Spouse, children, parents of the deceased person.
 - DEVISEES are: People named to receive benefits in a will who are not heirs
 - INTERESTED PARTIES are: Others who may have interest in the property, including mortgage/creditors
- Current government-issued picture ID, front and back
- If you have a low income and you are receiving public assistance, the Probate Court will waive the initial filing fee (\$175.00). If this applies to you, also bring with you a printout or letter from DHHS showing your current status and your case number.
- "Paid in Full" funeral bill.

Your expected costs are: _____. If you want to make payments through UCHC, you can:

- Make a payment online at www.uchcdetroit.org/make-a-payment,
- Money order made payable to "UCHC." Please put your name, the address of the property, and "for probate costs" on the money order. Drop off at ground flood security desk or mail to Mail to UCHC, 2727 Second Ave, Ste 313, Detroit, MI 48201; Attn: D. Choly

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PAYS - Pay as You Stay

Summary: PAYS is a program with the Wayne County Treasurer that stops foreclosure and can dramatically reduce tax debt for low-income homeowners. It is the best plan offered by the Wayne County Treasurer, but it is only available after approval of the HPTAP Poverty Tax Exemption. PAYS comes in two forms: a one-time lump sum, or a monthly payment plan option. PAYS is also known as “PAYSPA” or “Pay As You Stay”.

Who Should Get It:

Any low-income homeowner with delinquent taxes should get PAYS.

Who Qualifies:

- You must be a low-income homeowner in one of the following cities:
 - Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Ecorse, Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Plymouth City, Redford Twp., Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Twp., Taylor, Trenton, Van Buren Twp., and Westland
- You must be approved for your City’s Poverty Tax Exemption (known as HPTAP in Detroit). Go to detroitmi.gov/HPTAP if you live in Detroit or talk to your assessor’s office to get the application.

How to Sign Up:

1. Apply for the Poverty Tax Exemption (HPTAP) with your City Assessor.
2. After your Poverty Tax Exemption (HPTAP) is approved, you will receive a letter from the Wayne County Treasurer notifying you that you are eligible for PAYS/PAYSPA.
3. Decide which option you want:
 - *One-Time Lump Sum* - This option offers the biggest discount. Sign up and make a one-time lump sum payment to eliminate all your tax debt to the Wayne County Treasurer. UCHC recommends this option.
 - *Monthly Payment Plan* - If you cannot afford the one-time lump sum, the monthly plan will still reduce debt and spread-out payments over time. This is a three-year plan with no interest or fees. Your home will be safe from foreclosure for the length of this plan. *NOTE: Keep current on this plan. If you fall behind, you may be subject to the entire original debt.*
4. Enroll online:
 - Go to pta.waynecounty.com Search for your address and look for the purple button that says [PAYSPA]
 - Click on the option you want (“Monthly Payment Plan” or “One-time Lump Sum”), enter your information.
 - Pay the requested amount online or at a Divdat kiosk. If you go to the kiosk, remember the amount you must pay and pay to the Wayne County Treasurer.

UCHC can work with you if you need help. Visit uchcdetroit.org/resources for instructional videos or call our tax hotline 313-405-7726.

Keeping on the Plan:

If you pay the full one-time lump sum, you are done! Keep current with your City taxes every year by paying in full. If you get the monthly plan, sign the payment plan sent to your email and return to the Wayne County Treasurer. Pay every month on the oldest tax year you owe. Feel free to pay extra if you want to be done in under 3 years.

Keep your current year taxes low by renewing or applying for the HPTAP Poverty Tax Exemption every year.



IRSPA- Interest-Reduced Stipulated Payment Agreement

Summary: The IRSPA is a 5-year monthly payment plan for homeowners with delinquent taxes. IRSPA stops the foreclosure for as long as the plan remains current, lowers tax debt by reducing interest, and gives you time to pay. Other than PAYS, IRSPA is the most affordable payment plan with Wayne County Treasurer.

Who Should Get It:

Homeowners with delinquent taxes, who do not qualify for PAYS or are waiting to become eligible for PAYS, and who can make monthly payments.

Who Qualifies:

- **Ownership-** You must own your home and have recorded proof (deed, land contract, probate order, etc.)
- **Principal Residence-** This property must be your home, or your “principal residence.” You may need a “PRE” form from your City Assessor if it is not already on file with the Wayne County Treasurer. Make sure your current ID shows the address and file a PRE with your City Assessor.
- **Down payment-** There is a down payment of 10% base taxes to sign up.

How to Sign Up:

- A. **Online:** Enroll at pta.waynecounty.com. Search for your address and look for the Orange [IRSPA] button. Follow the steps. The IRSPA contract will be emailed for you to sign and return to the Treasurer.
- B. **In person:** Make an appointment with the Wayne County Treasurer at 313-224-5990 or treasurer.waynecounty.com. Bring ID, PRE and down payment with you.
- C. **With UCHC:** Call UCHC’s tax foreclosure hotline if you need help enrolling.

Next Steps:

You must do two things to keep your IRSPA:

1. **Monthly-** Pay your monthly payment every month to the oldest tax year owing to Wayne County Treasurer.
2. **Keep Current-** Pay the Summer and Winter tax to your City every year before they become delinquent. You may need to “roll in” a recent tax year into your IRSPA if it becomes delinquent.

Treat your IRSPA like a mortgage: pay every month until the debt is gone. You can pay more if you want to be done in under 5 years. All delinquent taxes owing at the time you sign up will be included in your IRSPA.

Behind on IRSPA

If you fall behind on your IRSPA, keep paying as best you can so that you do not get kicked off. The monthly payments to the oldest tax year are your priority. If another year of taxes become delinquent, you have the option to “roll in” an additional tax year to your IRSPA. You can only do this once.

Kicked Off IRSPA

If you are kicked off your plan, you will not be at risk of foreclosure immediately, but you will be at risk the next year. Save your money until you have enough to “reinstate” your plan. If you are low-income, apply for HPTAP to get PAYS. PAYS is available for low- income homeowners even if they have been kicked off IRSPA.



DOOE- Distressed Owner Occupant Extension

Summary: DOOE is a program with Wayne County Treasurer that stops foreclosure for one year with no down-payment. DOOE is like a band-aid: it does not reduce tax debt, but it can give you time to make other arrangements without risk of foreclosure.

Who Should Get It:

- Homeowners who have no money to make payments on the taxes,
- Homeowners who are waiting to qualify for another program, like PAYS, but want to be safe while they wait, and,
- Homeowners who do not yet have a PRE.

Who Qualifies:

- **Ownership-** You must own your home and have recorded proof (deed, land contract, probate order, etc.)
- **Occupancy-** You must live in your home and have ID and utility bills or documents to show you live there.
- **Only 3 years tax debt-** You cannot get a DOOE if you owe taxes prior to 2018.
- **Qualifying Income-** Household should be “low income”.

How to Sign Up:

1. Get the application from the Wayne County Treasurer, UCHC, or online at waynecounty.com/elected/treasurer/taxpayer-assistance.aspx
2. Fill out the form, sign it, and gather supporting documents
 - Proof of ownership
 - ID with the address of primary residence
 - Recent mail in your name and address (such as DTE, water bill, DHHS letter, etc.)
3. Submit to Wayne County Treasurer by mail (400 Monroe 5th Fl. Detroit, MI 48226) or by email wctopaymentplan@waynecounty.com.

Note: UCHC can work with you to fill out and submit a DOOE if you need help.

Next Steps: Once your DOOE is approved, you are safe *for the year!* DOOE is like a payment plan, but its primary purpose is to stop foreclosure. UCHC recommends that you switch to IRSPA or PAYS once you are able. Here are your options:

- A. IRSPA- Complete PRE and save towards a down payment to enroll into IRSPA.
- B. PAYS- If you are low-income, apply for HPTAP and enroll into PAYS.
- C. DOOE only- If you do not do IRSPA or PAYS, 2018 before the end of 2021.

Architecture is about shelter for soul.

**PROCEED
AND BE
BOLD!**

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program Application & Policy and Guidelines

Please read and fully complete ALL sections of the application and provide requested documentation.

The signed petition, application and all required documentation must be returned, in person or by mail, to:

**Office of the Assessor
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 804
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

Because of a change in state law, if you were approved in 2019 or 2020 you may not be required to file an application for 2021(only). Approved applicants received notification by mail.

Please submit the application as soon as possible.

The last day to submit the 2021 application is **December 13th, 2021**.

Applications postmarked or submitted in person after this date will not be accepted. Applications not considered at the December Board of Review meeting cannot be considered for the current year. You are encouraged to file at least two weeks prior to the final acceptance date.

For assistance with your application please call the number listed below:

**Board of Review
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue – Suite 105
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

**www.detroitmi.gov/HPTAP
Call: 211 or Text: INFO to 85274
For questions regarding the application,
Call: 313-628-0722**

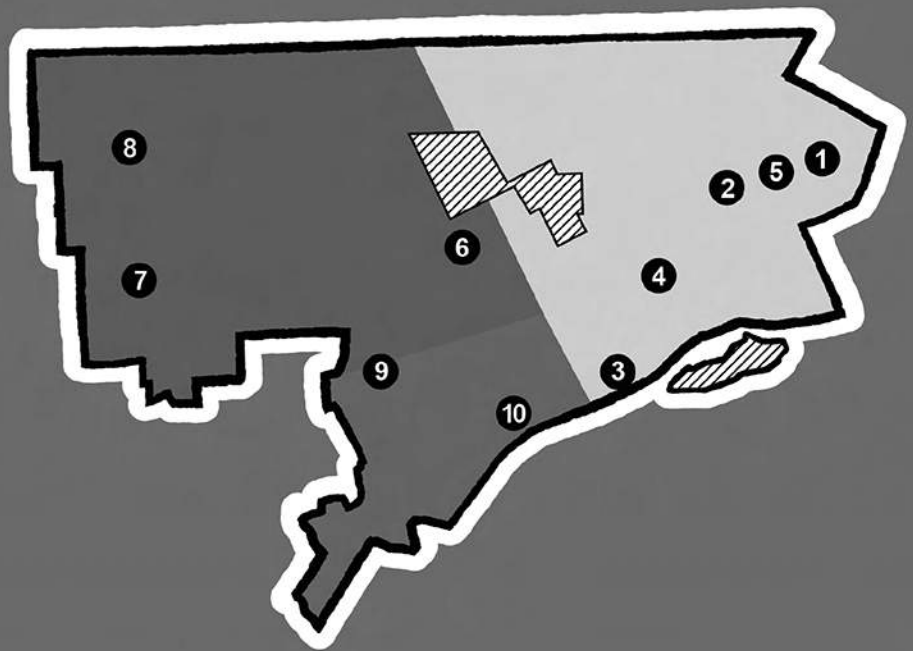
Application may be completed and filed on-line at www.detroitmi.gov/hptap

The city does not charge a fee for this application.

Get FREE Property Tax Assistance

Contact the organization closest to you for help on your HPTAP application.

Presented by:



	ORGANIZATION NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
1	FRIENDS OF THE ALGER THEATER	(313) 720 - 3904	friends@algertheater.org
2	EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK	(313) 364 - 9423	help@ecn-detroit.org
3	JEFFERSON EAST, INC.	(313) 314 - 6414	neighborhoodsvcsclub@jeffersoneast.org
4	MACC DEVELOPMENT	(313) 731 - 2037	edythe@mackave.com
5	U-SNAP-BAC	(313) 640 - 1100	jawanaj@usnapbac.org
6	CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN	(313) 873 - 00640 ext. 22	tsmith@centraldetroitchristian.org
7	CODY ROUGE COMMUNITY ACTION ALLIANCE	(313) 397 - 9280	rbare@codyrouge.org
8	GRANDMONT ROSEDALE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	(313) 387 - 4732 ext. 103	kyarbrough@grandmontrosedale.com
9	BRIDGING COMMUNITIES	(313) 361 - 6377	g.white@bridgingcommunities.org
10	SOUTHWEST ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS	(313) 841 - 9641 ext. 374	kralston@swsol.org

For additional assistance, please reach out to the following organizations:

HOUSING ASSISTANCE	UNITED COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION	(313) 405 - 7726	uchcdetroit.org/resources
FUNDING ASSISTANCE	WAYNE METRO	(313) 388 - 9799	waynemetrol.org/cares
INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE	ACCOUNTING AID SOCIETY	(313) 556 - 1920	accountingaidsociety.org

Detroit Citizens Board of Review

2021 Process for Reviewing Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP) Applications

1. Each applicant must own and occupy the property as his/her primary Homestead as of December 31, 2020 and must be on file with the Office of the Assessor.
2. A Homestead with a Taxable Value of \$95,000.00 and above will not be considered for an exemption unless there are extenuating circumstances. **ALL** Homesteads and/or any applicants with this set of circumstances must submit signed legal and/or medical documentation to the Board of Review.
3. Homeowners may be granted a full (100%), partial 50% exemption or partial 25% exemption. Regarding a Homestead Property Tax Credit that is forwarded to the City of Detroit, the proportioned amount remaining shall be exempt in whole or in part in accordance with the decision of the Board of Review.

To be considered for an exemption, the applicant is required to submit the following to the Board of Review:

- A completed and signed Application for MCL 211.7u Poverty Exemption - Michigan Treasury Form 5737
- Complete Federal and State Income Tax Returns filed in 2021 for 2020 (filed in 2020 for 2019 will be accepted), with all schedules, including any Homestead Property Tax Credit and Home Heating Credit returns, for **ALL** adults residing at the property.
 - For all adults residing at the property who were **not required** to file taxes, the Michigan Treasury Form 4988 Poverty Exemption Affidavit and IRS 4506-T must be completed and signed.
 - Additionally, all adults residing at the property who were **not required** to file taxes must provide proof of all sources of past years (2020) income for all members in the household including minor children.
- **ALL** other required supporting documentation. This should include:
 - Current identification for homeowner and all household members above the age of 18
 - Proof of residency for minor children (report card, transcript, FIA Statement, etc.)
 - Recorded proof of ownership
 - Documents verifying family/household composition
 - Household debts and expenses (only if the household income exceeds the income guidelines)

The Board of Review retains the right to request additional information from the applicant.

4. **Household (Related and Non-Related) Composition and Annual Income** – The Detroit Board of Review has established the following maximum eligible income as a guideline and as an aid in eliminating subjective judgments for reviewing **2021** petitions. **See table below:**

Number in Household	Maximum Income for Full (100%) Exemption	Maximum Income for Partial (50%) Exemption	Maximum Income for Partial (25%) Exemption
1	\$17,609.00	\$20,288.00	\$22,840.00
2	\$21,205.00	\$23,791.00	\$26,205.00
3	\$23,458.00	\$26,064.00	\$28,453.00
4	\$27,248.00	\$29,868.00	\$32,488.00
5	\$30,680.00	\$33,441.00	\$35,896.00
6	\$35,160.00	\$37,973.00	\$40,434.00
7	\$39,640.00	\$42,415.00	\$44,793.00
8	\$44,120.00	\$46,767.00	\$49,414.00

Add \$4,480.00 to the income limit for each household member above eight for a full exemption. For a partial 50% exemption add \$4,749.00 to the income limit for each household member above eight. For a partial 25% exemption add \$5,018.00 to the income for each household member above eight.

In addition, the total household assets (i.e. bank accounts, other real property, boats, campers, stocks, bonds, IRA's, other assets in or out of the United States, etc.) **SHALL NOT** exceed \$12,000.00. Verification of additional assets will be done for all parties and household members applying for property tax assistance. Information not provided by applicant that is discovered by the Board of Review may cause your application to be denied. If you have assets totaling more than \$12,000.00, explain your special circumstances and why your application should be approved despite your assets.

Detroit Citizens Board of Review

2021 Process for Reviewing Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program (HPTAP) Applications

- 5. Each application is reviewed according to individual circumstances based on information submitted by the applicant. The Board of Review utilizes all information in judging the taxpayer's ability to meet the tax obligation. If the taxpayer is within the above guidelines, the taxpayer may be granted a full or partial exemption. If the taxpayer is outside the above guidelines, the exemption will usually be denied.

If the taxpayer shows extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Review may consider the application as approved by the State Tax Commission. In such an instance, the taxpayer shall be advised in writing of the granting or denying an exemption and the reason shall also be noted on the application.

The Board of Review will receive applications and supporting materials up until the day before the final date of the December Board of Review, but to ensure that the Board has adequate time to review your request, please return at least two weeks before the March, July or December meeting dates:

March BOR meeting date: April 5th, 2021
July BOR meeting date: July 20st, 2021
December BOR meeting date: December 14th, 2021.

If approved for a multi-year exemption, eligible applicants may remain exempt for up to 3 additional years without reapplication. These guidelines are in accordance with the amendments to Section 7(u) of MCL 211 *et seq.*

It should be noted that each taxpayer's circumstances are considered anew each year. An incomplete application will delay the disposition process of the application and may also cause it to be denied.

Assistance with your application is available at:

Board of Review - Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave. - Suite 105
Detroit, Michigan 48226
313-628-0722

Applications must be submitted by December 13, 2021 to:

Office of the Assessor – Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave. – Suite 804
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Important: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement, omission or misrepresentation may not be considered for this assistance program and may be prosecuted to the fullest extent provided by law. Any/All applicants are subject to random home inspection for compliance with the City of Detroit guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

DETROIT CITIZENS BOARD OF REVIEW

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City of Detroit –Contact Information for Tax and Assessing Departments

Citizen Tax Help Center

2 Woodward Avenue, Ste 136
Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313.224.3560

Fax: 313.224.3844

Email: treasuryinfo@detroitmi.gov

Services Offered:

- Provide Current Year Tax Bills & Delinquent Personal Property Tax Bills
- Provide Applications for Solid Waste Discount and Summer Deferment
- Provide prior year tax payment receipts
- General property tax information

Office of the Assessor

2 Woodward Avenue, Ste 804
Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313.224.3035

Email: AssessorsSpecialProcessing@detroitmi.gov

Services Offered:

- Name/Mailing Address Change for Property
- Hardship and Veteran Exemption Application
- Explanation of Assessment
- Property Transfer/ Homestead Affidavit
- Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit (PRE)

Revenue Collections Department

2 Woodward Avenue, Ste 105
Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313.224.3560

Services Offered:

- Collect Delinquent Personal Property Taxes
- Accounts Receivables for various city departments
- General personal property tax information

Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes

Issued under the authority of Public Act 206 of 1893; MCL 211.51

INSTRUCTIONS: File this application with the treasurer of your city, village, or township. You may file your intent to defer before September 15, or before the date your summer taxes are due, whichever is later. **Do NOT file this application with the Michigan Department of Treasury.**

NOTE: Though filing this form is voluntary, your tax due date will not be extended unless this form is filed. The local treasurer may require additional documentation to verify your claim.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Telephone Number	Property Identification Number	
Address of Principal Residence (street number and name, city, state, ZIP code)	Name of City, Township, or Village (taxing authority)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village	
PART 2: DEFERMENT INFORMATION		
I hereby request that the Treasurer of the above-noted municipality defer the due date of the summer taxes on the property identified above, without penalty or interest charges, until February 15 (payment must be received on or before February 14 to avoid penalty and interest) based on the following qualification:		
(Check 1 or 2 below to identify your basis for this application. Select one choice only.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Principal Residence: I certify that my gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000 and that I qualify for the deferment provided for in the General Property Tax Act under the classification marked below:		
<input type="checkbox"/> 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death		
<input type="checkbox"/> Paraplegic, Hemiplegic, or Quadriplegic		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible Serviceperson, Eligible Veteran, Eligible Widow or Widower		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blind Person		
<input type="checkbox"/> Totally and Permanently Disabled		
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Agricultural Real Property: I certify that I own the above property, which is classified or used as agricultural real property, and that the gross receipts of agricultural or horticultural operations in the previous year (or the average gross receipts for such operations in the previous three years) are not less than my household income for the preceding calendar year or the combined household incomes in the previous year of the individual members of a limited liability company or partners of a partnership that owns the agricultural real property.		
PART 3: CERTIFICATION		
<i>I understand that if this deferment is approved, the deferred taxes must be paid on or before February 14 in order to avoid penalty and interest. I also understand that misleading or false statements on this application may subject me to penalties and interest for late payments of taxes.</i>		
Applicant's Signature	Date	
FOR CITY, VILLAGE, OR TOWNSHIP USE ONLY		
Deferment Approval Signature	Date	

ASSESSOR'S DATE STAMP

Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit

Issued under authority of Public Act 206 of 1893.

Read the instructions before completing the form. This form is not valid unless certified by the assessor. Do not submit this form if the property is not your principal residence and/or any of the disqualifying factors apply as listed in MCL 211.7(cc). For information regarding the PRE, please review the PRE Guidelines at www.michigan.gov/pre.

Type or print in blue or black ink.

PART 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION Type or print legibly. Use a separate form for each property tax identification number.

1. Property Tax Identification Number	2. Name of Local Unit (Check Township or City) <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> City	3. County
4. Street Address of Property (Provide a Complete Address)		
5. Name of Owner (First, Middle, Last)	6. Owner's Last Four Digits of Social Security Number XXX-XX-	7. Owner's Daytime Telephone Number
8. Name of Co-Owner (First, Middle, Last)	9. Co-Owner's Last Four Digits of Social Security Number XXX-XX-	10. Co-Owner's Daytime Telephone Number
11. Date you owned and occupied the property in line 1		11. _____ Month Day Year
The property in line 1 above is my: 11a. <input type="checkbox"/> Principal residence 11b. <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied adjoining or contiguous property that is classified residential or timber-cutover.		
12. List the percentage (100% to 1%) of the property that is occupied by the owner claiming the property as a principal residence. If the property has more than one home on it, it is a multi-dwelling, used for purposes other than a principal residence, or partially rented, the owner may claim only a partial exemption. Please consult with your local assessor to determine the percentage of the exemption the owner is allowed to claim in these situations..... 12. _____ %		
13. Have you or your spouse claimed a principal residence exemption for another Michigan principal residence? 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
14. If yes to 13, enter the property address and parcel number: _____		
15. If yes to 13, have you rescinded that principal residence exemption? 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
16. Do you or your spouse claim a similar exemption, credit or deduction on property located in another state?..... 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
17. If yes to 16, enter the property address and parcel number: _____		
18. Have you or your spouse filed a tax return as a non-resident of Michigan or resident of another state? 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
19. If yes to 18, enter the state: _____		

PART 2: CERTIFICATION

Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that I own and occupy as a principal residence on the date stated in Line 11 and that I have not claimed a substantially similar exemption/deduction/credit in property in another state, and that the information contained on this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

20. Owner's Signature	Date
21. Co-Owner's Signature	Date
22. Mailing Address, if Different than Property Address Above	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE ONLY (do not write below this line)

23. Indicate property classification 23. _____

Did the Assessor Approve or Deny the Affidavit? <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied (Attach a copy of the Local Unit Denial)	What is the year the Affidavit will be posted to the tax roll?
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Certification: I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this form is complete and accurate.

Assessor's Signature	Date Certified by Assessor (MM/DD/YYYY)
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Instructions for Form 2368 Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit

General Instructions

Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) exempts a principal residence from the tax levied by a local school district for operating purposes, up to 18 mills.

Principal residence means the dwelling that you own and occupy as your permanent home and any unoccupied adjoining or contiguous properties that are classified residential or timber-cut over.

Owners are defined in MCL 211.7dd(a). Only the owner listed in MCL 211.7dd(a) are eligible to claim the exemption.

Occupying means this is your principal residence, the place that you reside in as your permanent residence and if absent intend to return. It should be the address that appears on your driver's license and voter registration card. Vacation homes, seasonal homes, and income property are not occupied as your principal residence and may not be claimed.

Claiming a PRE: To claim a PRE, complete this Affidavit and file it with your township or city of the year of the claim. A valid affidavit filed on or before June 1 allows an owner to receive a PRE on the current year summer and winter tax levy and subsequent tax levies so long as it remains the owner's principal residence. A valid affidavit filed after June 1 and on or before November 1 allows an owner to receive a PRE on the current winter tax levy and subsequent tax levies so long as it remains the owner's principal residence.

MCL 211.7cc(3) Disqualifications: An owner is ineligible to claim a PRE if any of the disqualifying factors apply listed in MCL 211.7cc(3).

RESCINDING YOUR EXEMPTION

Within 90 days of when you no longer own or occupy the property as a principal residence, you must complete and file a *Request to Rescind Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)* (Form 2602) or file a *Conditional Rescission* (Form 4640) with your township or city assessor. Failure to do so may subject you to additional tax plus penalties and interest as determined under the General Property Tax Act.

INTEREST AND PENALTY

If it is determined that you claimed property that is not your principal residence, you may be subject to the additional tax plus penalty and interest as determined under the General Property Tax Act.

Line-by-Line Instructions

Lines not listed here are explained on the form.

You must complete each line in its entirety. Failure to complete any of the lines may result in your claim being denied.

PART 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION

Submit a separate affidavit for each property tax identification number being claimed.

Line 1: It is important that your property tax identification number is entered accurately. This ensures that your property is identified properly and that your township or city can accurately adjust your property taxes. You can find this number on your tax bill and on your property tax assessment notice. If you cannot find this number, call your township or city assessor.

NOTE: Do not include information for a co-owner who does not occupy the property as a principal residence.

Line 6: Please list the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). The request for the last four digits of your SSN is authorized under Section 42 USC 405 (c) (2) (C) (i). It is used by the Department of Treasury to verify tax exemption claims and to deter fraudulent filings.

Line 12: If you own and occupy the entire property as a principal residence, you may claim a 100 percent exemption. If you own and live in a multi-unit or multi-purpose property (e.g., a duplex or apartment building, or a storefront with an upstairs flat), you can only claim a partial exemption based on that portion that you use as a principal residence. Please consult your local assessor to determine the percentage of the exemption the owner is allowed to claim in these situations.

If the parcel of property you are claiming has more than one home on it, you must determine the percentage that you own and occupy as your principal residence. A second residence on the same property (e.g., a mobile home or second house) is not part of your principal residence, even if it is not rented to another person. Your local assessor can tell you the assessed value of each residence to help you determine the percentage that is your principal residence. Please consult your local assessor to determine the percentage of the exemption the owner is allowed to claim in these situations.

If you rent part of your home to another person, you may have to prorate your exemption. If your home is a single-family dwelling and less than 50 percent of your home is rented to others who use it as a residence, you may claim a 100 percent exemption. If 50 percent or more is rented to others who use it as a residence or if part of the home was converted to an apartment with a separate entrance, you must calculate the percentage that is your principal residence by dividing the floor area of your principal residence by the floor area of the entire building.

Line 16: MCL 211.7cc(3)(a) prescribes a penalty of \$500 for a person who claims a PRE and a substantially similar exemption, deduction, or credit in another state.

PART 2: CERTIFICATION

Sign and date the form. Enter your mailing address if it is different from the address under Part 1.

MAILING INFORMATION

Mail your completed form to the township or city assessor where the property is located. This address may be on your most recent tax bill or assessment notice. **DO NOT** send this form directly to the Department of Treasury.

If you have any questions contact your local assessor or the PRE Unit of the Michigan Department of Treasury at 517-373-1950, or visit www.michigan.gov/PRE.

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Office of the Treasury

**CITY OF DETROIT CITIZEN TAX HELP CENTER
2 WOODWARD AVENUE-SUITE 136
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226
(313) 224-3560**

SENIOR SOLID WASTE APPLICATIONS & SUMMER TAX DEFERMENTS

GENERAL APPLICATION PERIOD JULY 1ST-SEPTEMBER 15TH

NOTE: APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON MAY 1ST AT THE PROPERTY TAX CUSTOMER SERVICE COUNTER AT ABOVE ADDRESS OR BY CONTACTING THE ABOVE TELEPHONE NUMBER. APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE PROPERTY TAX CUSTOMER SERVICE COUNTER MAY 1ST thru SEPTEMBER 15TH. IF MAILED, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 15TH.

SENIOR SOLID WASTE DISCOUNT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be at least 65 years of age
- Must be your primary residence on city records
- Applicant must be listed on tax roll with city
- Total household income must be less than \$40,000 (copy of last year's 1040 Tax Form /last year's State of Michigan Property Tax Credit Form) required as verification of income,) OR must have application notarized on back to verify you are not required to file taxes and income is less than \$40,000 yearly for the preceding tax year
- Copy of photo identification required (front and back); (i.e.) Drivers License or State ID

GENERAL DEFERMENT ELIGIBILITY:

- Seniors must be at least 62 years of age
- Applicants under age 62, must be totally/permanently disabled (need copy of verification from Social Security Administration), OR eligible serviceperson eligible veteran, OR eligible widow or widower (verification required)
- Applicant must be listed on tax roll with city
- Must be your primary residence on city records
- Total household income less than \$40,000 for the preceding tax year (official verification required)
- Copy of photo identification required (front and back) (i.e.) Drivers License or State ID



CITY OF DETROIT

Senior Citizen Application for Solid Waste Discount

The application period is July 1 thru September 15. The City of Detroit may provide a discount to homeowners who are at least 65 years old and have a household gross income below \$40,000. Effective July 1, 2009, the Solid Waste Fee is \$240.00. Qualifying Seniors will receive a discount of \$120.00. YOU MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION EVERY YEAR DURING THE FILING PERIOD.

INSTRUCTIONS:

WHERE TO FILE

File this application with the City of Detroit Treasurer's Office. You must file your request for discount by September 15.

- **IN PERSON** – Citizen Tax Help Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Room 136.
- **BY MAIL** – City of Detroit, Citizen Tax Help Center, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Avenue, Room 136, Detroit, MI 48226

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Along with this application, please provide a copy of the following:

- **PROOF OF YOUR IDENTITY, ADDRESS, AND AGE** (valid driver's license, passport or other government issued photo ID)
- **PROOF OF YOUR INCOME** (last year's State of Michigan Property Tax Credit form, State tax return or notarized affidavit of income – see back of this form)

NOTE: Filing of this form is voluntary. Discount will not be processed unless this form is filed. The Treasurer's Office may require additional documentation to verify your claim.

PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Initial)	
Property Parcel Number (Found on a tax bill or mortgage document)	
Address of Taxpayer's Principal Residence	PhoneNumber

PART 2: DISCOUNT INFORMATION

I hereby request that the Treasurer discount my solid waste fee on my principal residence identified above. By checking the box below:

- I certify that I am the homeowner, I am at least 65 years of age, and my gross household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$40,000.**

PART 3: CERTIFICATION

I understand that misleading or false statements on this application may subject me to removal of discount.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

For City Treasurer's Office Use Only

Discount Approval Signature _____ Date _____



CITY OF DETROIT

Senior Citizen Application for Solid Waste Discount

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Two Woodward Avenue, Suite 136, Detroit, MI 48226

AFFIDAVIT

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN THIS PAGE.

THE AFFIDAVIT SHOULD BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE NOTARY

Please complete this form in its entirety stating that you are not required to file Federal, State and City Income Tax forms 1040 and you meet the income requirements.

Applications without 1040 forms or the Affidavit will be considered incomplete and thereby denied for processing.

Property Address: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Day Phone No. _____

AFFIDAVIT MUST BE NOTARIZED

I, _____, undersigned, whose address is above, declares that I am not required to file Federal, State or City Income Tax forms and my income does not exceed \$40,000 annually.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Notary Public, Wayne County, Michigan

My Commission Expires

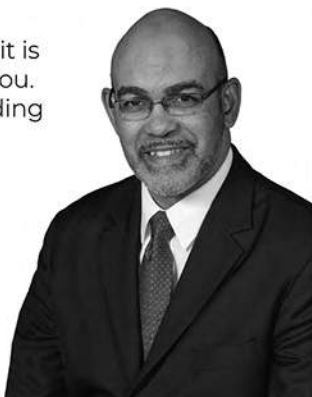


Taxpayer Assistance Programs

Dear Fellow Taxpayers:

As your Wayne County Treasurer, it is my honor and privilege to serve you. For your convenience, I am providing you with a list of programs and important local organizations we partner with, that may be of assistance.

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer



Payment Plans

(Many of these are available online at treasurer.waynecounty.com)

Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA)

Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a Lump Sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

Veterans Assistance

As a Veteran, you will be allowed to enter into a Payment Plan without a down payment (on your principal residence) as long as you provide honorable discharge certification papers or DD-214 form referencing a honorable discharge.

Government Agencies & Contact Information

Wayne County
Treasurer's Office
400 Monroe St., 5th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
www.treasurer.waynecounty.com

General Information:
(313) 224-5990
taxinfo@waynecounty.com

Auction Information:
(313) 224-2864
wctauction@waynecounty.com

MSHDA Step Forward Funding
(866) 946-7432
StepForward@michigan.gov
www.stepforwardmichigan.gov

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
(855) 275-6424
www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Wayne County Senior Services
(800) 851-1454

City of Detroit
2 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
www.detroitmi.gov

Property Tax Information:
(313) 224-3560

Property Tax Information:
(313) 224-3560

Poverty Tax Exemption/HPTAP:
(313) 224-3035
HPTAP@detroitmi.gov

Water and Sewage (DWS)
(313) 267-8000
mydwsd@detroitmi.gov

Or contact your local municipality.

Wayne County Veteran Services
400 Monroe St., Suite 405,
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 224-5045

Wayne County Dept. of Human Services
3040 W. Grand Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48202

Free Counseling, Legal, Housing Assistance, & Foreclosure Prevention Services

Abayomi Community Development Corporation
(313) 541-9828
info@abayomicdc.org
www.abayomicdc.org

ACCESS
(313) 842-7010

Accounting Aid Society
(866) 673-0873
www.accountingsociety.org

Black Caucus Foundation
(313) 285-9234

Detroit Area Agency on Aging
(313) 446-4444
www.detroitseniorsolution.org

Detroit Area Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired
(313) 405-7726
www.gdabvi.org

Legal Aid and Defender Association
(313) 967-5555
www.ladadetroit.org

Michigan Legal Services
(313) 964-4130
www.milegalservices.org

New Hope Community Development Housing Corporation
(313) 255-6275
www.newhopedetroit.com

Southwest Housing Solutions
(313) 841-3727
www.swsol.org

United Community Housing Coalition
(313) 963-3310 or (313) 405-7726
taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org
www.uchcdetroit.org

U-SNAP-BAC
(313) 640-1100
info@usnapbac.org
www.usnapbac.org

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Out County: 313-284-6999
wmconnectcenter@waynemet.ro.org
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For more information, visit our website at treasurer.waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-5990 or e-mail taxinfo@waynecounty.com

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Tenant Information- Tax Foreclosed Home

If you received a yellow bag from the Wayne County Treasurer's office on your door, your home is at risk of tax foreclosure because the owner has unpaid property taxes. Read this to learn more.

Quick Facts

- "Tax Foreclosure" happens when a property owner loses ownership due to unpaid taxes.
- The foreclosure deadline is March 31, 2021. If there are taxes owing back to 2018 or prior, the property may be foreclosed. (Note: Wayne County Treasurer may extend foreclosure deadline.)
- You can look up the foreclosure status online at pta.waynecounty.com.
- If the house is foreclosed in April, you may be able to withhold rent at that time but not sooner unless there are other legal reasons to do so. Seek counsel before withholding rent.
- Tenants are not responsible for the property taxes. Paying taxes will not make you the owner.
- Tenants are generally not responsible for home repairs. Repairing the home will not make you the owner. If there are urgent repair issues that you decide to fix, that is your decision.

If the house is not foreclosed -- If the landlord stops the foreclosure by paying the taxes or entering a payment plan, they are still the owner. You can continue to live in your home and pay rent.

If the home is foreclosed -- If your home is foreclosed, you may be able to **withhold rent**. You may be able to **buy your home in the Make it Home program**. Save money and attend a class in April to enroll.

Timeline

- **Jan 1- Mar 31:** Pay rent as normal unless you have a separate legal reason to withhold rent.
- **April 1:** We will know more about the foreclosure status of the home. Call UCHC or check pta.waynecounty.com. Renters in foreclosed homes may decide to withhold rent.
- **April - June:** If the house is foreclosed, stay put and save money:
 - Withhold rent by putting it in a dedicated savings account. UCHC offers a free TWA account where you can save the full monthly rent or more. *See next page for details.*
 - Wayne County Treasurer becomes the temporary owner when they foreclose. Wayne County Treasurer does not evict or collect rent.
 - The landlord may still have time to redeem the property from foreclosure if the Wayne County Treasurer extends the foreclosure deadline. You may owe back rent if this happens, so it is very important to withhold rent properly. *See next page for details.*
 - If you want to buy your home, attend the Make it Home program class in April-June.
 - If you receive a notice or court order for eviction, contact UCHC as soon as possible.
- **July:** The Make it Home deadline -- Renters who sign up and qualify for the Make it Home program may have an opportunity to purchase their home. *See Make it Home flyer for more information.*
- **Fall 2021:** If the house is foreclosed and you did not buy it in the Make it Home program, it may be sold in the public auction in September or October. The new owner should show you their deed before giving you any notice or entering any lease agreement, etc.



Withholding Rent

Tenants sometimes withhold rent if there are serious disputes with the landlord, such as major repairs or loss of ownership due to foreclosure. “Withholding rent” does **not** mean “not paying rent” it means “paying into a separate account”.

How to Withhold Rent Properly:

1. When it is time to pay rent, save your full monthly rent amount in a dedicated savings account.

Example: If your rent is \$700 per month, due on the 1st of the month, deposit \$700 into a savings account on the 1st of the month.

How: You can save into escrow through a bank. Or you can save with UCHC into TWA (Tenant Withholding) Account. You must save your full monthly rent amount. This money should not be mixed in with other types of savings nor should it be held in cash.

2. If you are withholding because of repair issues, follow these additional steps:

- Keep records to show that the landlord knew of the repair issue at least a month prior to withholding (e.g., dated photos, text message, letter, etc.)
- Give written notice to your landlord to tell them you are withholding rent and why. For help writing a letter, go to michiganlegalhelp.org/self-help-tools/housing/do-it-yourself-letter-landlord-repairs
- Contact Detroit Buildings and Safety (BSEED) at 313-224-2733 to find out if the home is rental registered and/or to request an inspection.
- Keep all receipts or proof of payment of rent.
- Take pictures of all repair issues and continue documenting if they worsen.
- Do not make any large repairs yourself without consulting a lawyer or expert.

If the situation is resolved:

- You may resume paying rent if the problems are resolved, such as if the landlord stops the foreclosure, becomes compliant with the City, or corrects the repair issues. You may be required to pay the withheld rent to the landlord, depending on the situation.
- When you withhold rent or don’t pay, you may risk having an eviction case brought against you. Call the Eviction Hotline (313-355-3352) if you receive a notice to quit, Complaint and Summons, etc. If landlord tries to illegally evict you without court order, call the police, stay inside, be ready to show proof of residence (like ID at the address, a utility bill in your name, lease, etc.)

United Community Housing Coalition and Michigan Legal Services
 2727 Second Ave, Suite 313, Detroit, MI 48201
 Tax Hotline 313-405-7726 | Eviction Hotline: 313-355-3352
www.uchcdetroit.org www.milegalservices.org

Detroit Guide to Landlord-Tenant & Fair Housing Laws



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(October 2020)



Tenant's Rental Rights



Avoid Fraud & Other Problems

- Make sure all property repairs are completed before you consider renting.
- Make sure the property is properly registered, up to code, and that the Landlord has a current Certificate of Compliance. Use the "Rental

Dashboard" at <https://detroitmi.gov/webapp/rental-map>.

- Confirm that you are dealing with the actual landlord before making a deposit or signing a lease. Refer to the Check the City of Detroit Assessor's website at <https://guestpay.divdatkiosknetwork.com/account/search> and the Wayne County Register of Deeds' website at <https://waynecountymi-web.tylerhost.net/web/?submit=Continue>
- Avoid an oral lease; insist on a written lease. Written leases must comply with Michigan's Truth in Renting Act, MCL § 554.631.

Habitability and Repairs

- Landlord must keep unit and common areas in reasonable repair and comply with health and safety laws. MCL § 554.139. Almost always best to put repair requests in writing. Landlord's failure to make repairs permits tenants to withhold rent and to "repair and deduct". MCL §§ 600.5739 & 600.5741.
- Unlawful for the landlord to seek to evict you because you made a complaint to a governmental authority about a health or safety code or ordinance violation. MCL § 600.5720.

Domestic Violence and Stalking

- Permits early termination of lease. Make sure you carefully satisfy requirements of Michigan law at MCL § 554.139.
- In general, need to first file police report or obtain a valid personal protection order (PPO), and provide landlord with a verified form via certified mail.
- The federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grants additional rights and protections for those applying to or participating in a federal government rental housing program, including Section 8 (HCV program).

Security Deposit

- Properly complete an inventory checklist at move-in and move-out.
- Security deposit (SD) can be no more than 1½ times the monthly rent amount. Can also include a flat cleaning fee.
- Landlord may deduct from SD for unpaid rent, late fees, utilities (if tenant's responsibility), and damages beyond normal wear and tear. Landlord may not deduct for general cleaning and repainting.

This violates the Michigan Consumer Protection Act. *Smolen v. Dahlmann Apts, Ltd.*, 127 Mich. App. 108 (1983). Tenant may recover the greater of \$250 or actual damages.

- Please pay careful attention to the "Security Deposit Timeline" in *Practical Guide for Tenants & Landlords* (the link is listed below).

Late Fees

- Fees for late payment of rent must be reasonable. Late fees must bear direct relationship to actual costs caused by the late rent.

Legal Eviction Process

- To legally evict a tenant, a landlord must go through the court eviction process and follow eviction law requirements as to notices to quit and court complaints. MCL § 600.5714; MCR 4.201.
- There are financial and other resources available to help tenants avoid eviction, such as Eviction Diversion Programs.
- Additional protections due to COVID-19 pandemic, include the CDC's eviction moratorium and various mortgage foreclosure moratoriums.

"Anti-Lockout Statute" MCL § 600.2918

- To legally evict a tenant, a landlord must go through formal eviction process in court and meet requirements for serving notice and filing in court. MCL § 600.5714; Michigan Court Rule 4.201. here may be financial and other resources to help tenants avoid eviction, such as eviction diversion programs.
- Unlawful for landlord to interfere with a tenant's possession of unit; remove tenant's property; change locks, interrupt or terminate utility service that landlord is under a duty to furnish; or to introduce noise, odor, or another nuisance.
- Violations generally entitle a tenant to actual damages or \$250 and possession of the unit.

Detroit's Fair Chance Access to Rental Housing Ordinance

- Landlord must first review an applicant for tenancy without asking about criminal history. If applicant qualifies, landlord provides tenant a conditional lease agreement.
- Landlord then reviews criminal history. If landlord rejects applicant due to past criminal history, landlord must allow applicant to provide evidence of rehabilitation. If landlord accepts evidence of rehabilitation, tenant can move in.
- If the application is denied, tenant may file complaint with Detroit's CRIO Department. If CRIO determines that a violation occurred, landlord may be charged with misdemeanor.

Tenant's Fair Housing Rights



Laws and Protected Classes

• *Federal.* Civil Rights Acts of 1866 & 1870 and the Fair Housing Act (FHA) - Race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex (including sexual orientation, gender identify and transgender status), disability and

familial status.

- *State.* Michigan's Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act and Persons With Disabilities Civil Rights Act – Includes all federal categories, plus age and marital status.
- *Detroit.* Chapter 27 of the Detroit's Code of Ordinances – Includes all federal and state categories, plus public benefit status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Sex and Sexual Harassment

It is unlawful to treat any individual differently because of their sex or gender expression. Sex discrimination also includes the two types of sexual harassment:

1. Quid pro quo ("this for that") – housing benefits are conditioned on unwelcome requests for sexual favors.
2. Hostile environment – sexually offensive behavior is sufficiently severe or pervasive that it interferes with the use or enjoyment of the premises.

Familial Status

It is unlawful to discriminate against any family due to one or more children under the age of 18, as well as any person who is pregnant or who is about to secure legal custody of someone under the age of 18. Examples include:

- Refusing to rent to or evicting family because of children;

- Treating a family differently because of their children (e.g., increasing the security deposit or restricting access to a pool or other recreational facility); or
- Advertising preference for individuals or families without children (e.g., using words like "adults" or "singles").

Disability

Coverage extends beyond common examples, such as people who use wheelchairs or seeing eye dogs. Includes those who have disabilities due to alcoholism or past drug addition, mental or intellectual disabilities, or communicable diseases (HIV/AIDS).

Reasonable Accommodation and Modification

Reasonable accommodation (RA) - A housing provider must permit a RA in rules, policies, or services to afford a person with a disability the equal opportunity that persons without a disability have to use and enjoy a dwelling. Examples include:

- Assigning a designated parking space;
- Permitting a service or emotional support animal; or
- Allowing a live-in caregiver.

Reasonable modification (RM) – A housing provider must permit a RM, if necessary, to provide a person with a disability the full enjoyment and use of residential premises as is enjoyed by persons without a disability. Modifications are made at the expense of the tenant or buyer, except where the housing provider receives federal funding. Examples include:

- Permitting grab bars to be installed in a bathroom;
- Allowing the installation of a ramp; or
- Permitting doorways to be widened and countertops to be lowered for a wheelchair user.

Where to Get Help



Landlord-Tenant

- Lakeshore Legal Aid <https://lakeshorelegalaid.org/>
- Michigan Legal Services <https://milegalservices.org/>
- United Community Housing Coalition <https://www.uchcdetroit.org/>
- Legal Aid and Defender Association <https://ladadetroit.org/>

Housing Discrimination

- Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit - (313) 963-1274 or <https://fairhousingdetroit.org/>
- HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) - (800) 669-9777 or https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/complaint-process
- MDCR (Michigan Department of Civil Rights) - (800) 482-3604 or <https://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/>

Resources



Landlord-Tenant

- Practical Guide for Tenants & Landlords, available at <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Publications/tenantlandlord.pdf>
- Residential Landlord-Tenant Law Benchbook, available at <https://mjieducation.mi.gov/documents/benchbooks/27-11tbb/file>

Fair Housing

- Fair housing rights and responsibilities, available at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/

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Up to 12 months of back rent assistance, with 3 months of forward rent for lowest income tenants.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Includes water, sewer, heat and electricity. Assistance is based on household size, but the maximum amount is \$2,500. Internet stipend is also available for those who present a bill.

Visit www.WayneMetro.org/CERA to apply and to learn more information

OR CALL IF YOU NEED HELP NAVIGATING OR COMPLETING THE ONLINE APPLICATION:

Detroit, Hamtramck, or Highland Park: **(866) 313-2520**

All other areas in Wayne County: **(734) 284-6999**



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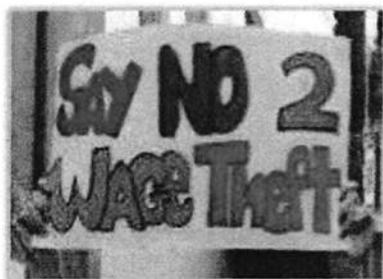
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THE SUGAR LAW CENTER FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES FOR WORKERS AROUND THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE SUFFERED VARIOUS FORMS OF "WAGE THEFT" BY THEIR EMPLOYERS. SUGAR LAW PROVIDES REPRESENTATION, SUPPORTS ORGANIZING AND PROVIDES OTHER ASSISTANCE TO LOW WAGE, TEMPORARY, CONTINGENT, AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS SEEKING TO COMBAT WAGE THEFT. OUR OFFICE ALSO EDUCATES COMMUNITY GROUPS, ADVISES PROTESTORS, AND ADVOCATES FOR POLICY CHANGE WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON WAGE ISSUES.

QUICK FACTS: Wage theft takes many forms, including:

- Not being paid minimum wage, prevailing wage, or living wage rates, under applicable laws
- Not being paid overtime when working over 40 in a week
- Not being paid for all ours worked
- Having illegal deductions taken out of your pay - for perceived errors, equipment, uniforms or for short breaks
- Being forced to work off-the-clock or to do work before punching in or after punching out of the time clock
- Having to work through unpaid meal breaks
- Being classified as a "independent contractor" or being classified as a salaried employee to avoid federal and state wage laws
- Being required to kick back a portion of your paycheck to your employer
- Being required to share your tips with supervisors and other ineligible employees
- Not being given your last paycheck

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The Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to defending the rights of working people and their communities.

We work for economic and social justice by demanding accountability from corporations and government. Our legal advocacy raises the bar for corporate conduct and enforces laws protecting people's rights.

- ⊕ The Sugar Law Center helps workers when employers fail to give the federally required 60 days' notice for mass layoffs. Direct representation by Sugar Law, and technical assistance we provide to other attorneys, have led to recovery of millions of dollars for thousands of people across the US who lost their jobs in mass layoffs.
- ⊕ Through research, advocacy and technical assistance to grassroots groups, the Sugar Law Center has supported the movement to establish a Living Wage in US communities—a minimum wage that allows working families to live in dignity.
- ⊕ For workers anywhere in the US who suffer from abusive, illegal working conditions, Sugar Law and its broad network of cooperating attorneys provide representation to enforce their legal rights.
- ⊕ Sugar Law provides information on the rights of working people to workers themselves, the broader public and policymakers.
- ⊕ Only a minority of American workers have the protection of collective bargaining. The Sugar Law Center works with unions to support working people's right and capacity to organize for better working conditions.
- ⊕ When big businesses ask for tax breaks from local communities on the basis that they will create new jobs, Sugar Law can make these corporate promises specific and enforceable. Sugar Law attorneys can negotiate and prepare agreements that require pay-back of tax subsidies when the community doesn't receive the promised number of jobs.
- ⊕ Sugar Law helps ordinary citizens voice their concerns and get a seat at the table in community and state decision-making.



*Where after all
do universal
human rights begin?*

*In small places, close to home...
the world of the individual person:
The neighborhood he lives in;
the school or college he attends;
the factory, farm or office where he works.
Such are the places where every man,
woman, and child seeks equal justice,
equal opportunity, equal dignity
without discrimination.
Unless these rights have meaning there,
they have little meaning anywhere.*

—Eleanor Roosevelt

The Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice

The Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice is a national organization based in Detroit that uses legal and other public advocacy to advance the rights of working people and their communities. Driven by the principle that economic, social and civil rights are inseparable, Sugar Law was founded in 1991 as a project of the National Lawyers Guild and remains closely affiliated with the Guild.



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The Center is named for Maurice and Jane Sugar. A founding member of the National Lawyers Guild, Maurice was a towering figure in the history of the labor movement. Equally dedicated to public service, his wife Jane was a leader in struggles to strengthen public education.



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- working to build a fair society;

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Lawyers anywhere in the US who share our values are invited to join Sugar Law's network. We work with cooperating counsel on many cases, and refer clients to attorneys when we are unable to take their cases ourselves.

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Inside

IF YOU FEEL YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED:

- **WRITE DOWN** everything you can remember, including the officer's name(s) and/or badge number(s).
- **TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANY INJURIES** you incurred and **SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION** even for minor injuries.
- **CONTACT A LAWYER** and consider **FILING A COMPLAINT**.

For more information on your options, contact the ACLU of Washington:
phone: 206.624.2180
(10:00-2:00, Monday-Thursday)
mail: 901 Fifth Ave., #630
Seattle, WA 98164
online: aclu-wa.org/help

DECLINE A REQUEST TO SEARCH your car, your home, your belongings, or your person.

- Calmly say "I do not consent to a search."
- A warrantless search is allowed in some circumstances, but it is always helpful to say you don't consent to a search.
- An officer can pat you down if they suspect a weapon.
- An officer can require that you show your ID if you are driving a car or in certain cases involving alcohol or marijuana.
- An officer must have a warrant to enter your home unless they are responding to an emergency.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- **DECLINE A REQUEST TO SEARCH** your car, your home, your belongings, or your person.
- If the answer is yes, **DO IT!**
- Not every encounter with police is a "stop" and you may be free to just walk away.

REMAIN SILENT

- Seriously, you don't have to talk!
- You can say, "I'm exercising my right to remain silent" and then don't speak.

RECORD the interaction, but be aware that holding or reaching for a mobile device may be viewed as threatening.

ASK FOR A LAWYER immediately if you are arrested or taken to a police station. You don't have to know a lawyer; you can ask for information to call one and they must provide it.

TIPS FOR SAFETY

- **STAY CALM AND STAY PUT.** Don't run or suddenly move.
- **KEEP YOUR HANDS** where the officer can see them and free of any objects if possible.
- **NEVER TOUCH** any police officer.
- **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.** You can always make a complaint later if you feel your rights were violated.




ACLU Washington

Everyone has rights. These tips are meant to help you be safe and understand your rights under current Washington State law if the police stop you in public. Other kinds of contact with the police can raise more complex issues and you may need other resources.

Encounters with police can be highly tense and become dangerous. If your rights are violated, don't try to deal with the situation at the scene. Seek help afterwards. If you need help finding a lawyer or want more information on your options, contact the ACLU of Washington:

aclu-wa.org/help
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WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE STOPPED BY THE POLICE



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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- You have the right to remain silent. If you wish to exercise that right, say so out loud.
- You have the right to refuse to consent to a search of yourself, your car or your home.
- You have the right to calmly leave if you are not under arrest.
- You have the right to a lawyer if you are arrested. Ask for one immediately.
- You have constitutional rights regardless of your immigration or citizenship status.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Do stay calm and be polite.
- Do not interfere with or obstruct the police.
- Do not lie or give false documents.
- Do prepare yourself and your family in case you are arrested.
- Do remember the details of the encounter.

If you feel your rights have been violated, contact the ACLU of Michigan to file a legal complaint.



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WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE STOPPED BY POLICE, IMMIGRATION AGENTS OR THE FBI

We rely on the police to keep us safe and treat us all fairly, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin or religion. This card provides tips for interacting with police and understanding your rights. Separate rules apply at checkpoints and when entering the U.S. (including at airports). This information is not intended as legal advice.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- You have the right to remain silent. If you wish to exercise that right, say so out loud.
- You have the right to refuse to consent to a search of yourself, your car or your home.
- You have the right to calmly leave if you are not under arrest.
- You have the right to a lawyer if you are arrested. Ask for one immediately.
- You have constitutional rights regardless of your immigration or citizenship status.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Do stay calm and be polite.
- Do not interfere with or obstruct the police.
- Do not lie or give false documents.
- Do prepare yourself and your family in case you are arrested.
- Do remember the details of the encounter.

If you feel your rights have been violated, contact the ACLU of Michigan to file a legal complaint.



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IF YOU ARE ARRESTED

Do not resist arrest, even if you believe the arrest is unfair.
Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately. If you can't pay for a lawyer, you have the right to a free one. Don't say anything, sign anything or make any decisions without a lawyer.

You have the right to make a local phone call. The police cannot listen if you call a lawyer.

Prepare yourself and your family in case you are arrested. Make emergency plans if you have children or take medication.

Special considerations for non-citizens:

- Ask your lawyer about the effect of a criminal conviction or plea on your immigration status.
- Don't discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.
- Read all papers fully. If you do not understand or cannot read the papers, tell the officer you need an interpreter.

IF YOU ARE CONTACTED BY THE FBI

If an FBI agent comes to your home or workplace, **you do not have to answer any questions.** Tell the agent you want to **speak to a lawyer first.**

If you are asked to meet with FBI agents for an interview, **you have the right to say you do not want to be interviewed.** If you agree to an interview, **have a lawyer present.**

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Stay calm. Don't run. Don't argue, resist or obstruct the police, even if you are innocent or police are violating your rights. Keep your hands where police can see them.

Ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says yes, calmly and silently walk away. If you are under arrest, you have a right to know why.

You have the right to remain silent and cannot be punished for refusing to answer questions. If you wish to remain silent, tell the officer out loud. In some states, you must give your name if asked to identify yourself.

You do not have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings, but police may "pat down" your clothing if they suspect a weapon. You should not physically resist, but you have the right to refuse consent for any further search. If you do consent, it can affect you later in court.

IF YOU ARE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR

Stop the car in a safe place as quickly as possible. Turn off the car, turn on the internal light, open the window part way and place your hands on the wheel.

Upon request, **show police your driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.**

If an officer or immigration agent asks to look inside your car, you can refuse to consent to the search. But if police believe your car contains evidence of a crime, your car can be searched without your consent.

Both drivers and passengers have the right to remain silent. If you are a passenger, you can ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says yes, sit silently or calmly leave. Even if the officer says no, you have the right to remain silent.

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IF YOU FEEL YOUR RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED

Remember: police misconduct cannot be challenged on the street. Don't physically resist officers or threaten to file a complaint.

Write down everything you remember, including officer's badge and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and other details. Get contact information for witnesses. If you are injured, take photographs of your injuries (but seek medical attention first).

File a written complaint with the agency's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board. In most cases, you can file a complaint anonymously if you wish.

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Ask the officer to slip the warrant under the door or hold it up to the window so you can inspect it.

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You have the right to contact your consulate or have an officer inform the consulate of your arrest.

Tell the ICE agent you wish to remain silent. Do not discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.

Do not sign anything, such as a voluntary departure or stipulated removal, without talking to a lawyer. If you sign, you may be giving up your opportunity to try to stay in the U.S.

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Know Your Rights: Protected Speech and Permits at Demonstrations and Protests in Michigan

The right to protest and express your opinions is one of the most basic and important rights in the United States. Peaceful protests play an important role in preserving democracy by raising awareness and bringing about change. Recognizing the historical and central importance of protests and demonstrations, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects your right to protest, assemble, and petition.

What types of protest are protected?

The First Amendment protects different forms of expression, including speech, participation in demonstrations and marches, music and other arts, distributing leaflets, picketing, and other forms of expressive speech such as carrying signs, a candlelight vigil or wearing T-shirts with messages. However, the Constitution does not protect civil disobedience that involves purposely violating a valid law to make a point.

For example, while sitting in a road may be expressing a political opinion, the act of blocking traffic is illegal and may lead to arrest and punishment. Also, although the Constitution protects a very wide range of speech – including offensive speech—there are certain narrow exceptions where speech is not constitutionally protected, for example, words likely to incite an immediate riot.

Do I need a permit before I engage in free speech activity?

Not usually. However, certain events may require a permit, depending on the size and location of the event, including:

- A march or parade that does not stay on the sidewalk, and other events that require blocking traffic or closing streets;
- A large rally requiring the use of sound amplifying devices; or
- A large rally at certain designated parks or plazas that require permits.

In some cases, cities ask that organizers apply for a permit weeks in advance of the event. However, if the protest is in response to an unforeseeable or recent event, the advance notice requirement cannot prevent the event from taking place.

Police or city officials may also seek to impose conditions on the event, such as the sound level or route of the march. These restrictions may violate the First Amendment if they are unnecessary for traffic control or public safety, or if they interfere significantly with effective communication. A permit cannot be denied because the event or views expressed will be controversial.

Where can I engage in free speech activity?

Your right to protest is strongest in traditional “public forums” such as parks, sidewalks and streets. The government may only place narrow, non-discriminatory “time, place and manner” restrictions on speech in such places. You may also be able to protest at other public locations that the government has opened up to free speech activities such as the plazas or steps in front of government buildings.

Can I participate in free speech activities on private property?

Yes, as long as the property owner consents. However, if property owners, including the owners of private shopping malls, ask you leave and you refuse, you could be charged with trespassing.

If the organizers did not obtain a permit, where can a march take place?

So long as marchers stay on the sidewalks and obey traffic and pedestrian signals, their activity is constitutionally protected, even without a permit. Marchers may be required to allow enough sidewalk space for pedestrians to pass by.

If you are organizing a protest or a march and want it to go smoothly, out of an abundance of caution, you may choose to inform the police ahead of time about the planned activity, even where a permit is not required.

Can I erect a temporary shelter and stay on public property overnight during (or as part of) free speech activity?

It’s generally up to city and state officials. Most courts have held that cities may choose to bar protesters from erecting temporary shelters such as tents in public forums, and may also stop people from staying in these shelters overnight in order to protect the security, safety, access and aesthetic appearance of the public space.

The restrictions must still be reasonable in time, place and manner, and cannot foreclose all avenues of free speech. Check local ordinances.

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Knowing your rights in potentially tense situations is the best way to ensure that you are treated fairly.

Can the police search demonstrators or protesters?

No, the police are not permitted to search you unless they have reasonable suspicion that you were engaged in or about to commit a criminal act. If they do have reasonable suspicion, police officers are permitted to frisk your outer clothing to search for weapons.

Can the police search my backpack or purse?

Police officers may only search your bags if they have probable cause to believe that your bags contain weapons, contraband or evidence of illegal activity, such as drugs. In very limited circumstances, police may search your belongings if you are in a designated “secure area.” However, if the police mark out a secure area, they must allow you to refuse to have your bags/containers searched and must permit you to leave the area.

Do I have to show ID when the police demand it?

In general, no, you do not have to show ID if police demand it unless you are under arrest, being ticketed, or driving. You also have to identify yourself to police if (1) the police officers have reasonable suspicion to believe you violated the law **and** (2) there is a local law requiring that you show ID when the police have reasonable suspicion (as exists in Ann Arbor and East Lansing).

You can ask police officers why they are asking for your ID and what will happen if you decline to provide it. In general, we advise you to provide your ID if you have it. However, undocumented immigrants should be aware that showing your ID may result in detention by immigration enforcement authorities (ICE).

Can I record or photograph the police in public?

Yes, you can record or photograph police officers who are performing their official duties in public.

What should I do police order a crowd to disperse?

Police officers can order a group to leave an area if it is violent or if it has gathered unlawfully—for example, if the size or location of the group required a permit and the group does not have one. Unless you want to be arrested, you should follow the order to disperse—even if you believe you are rightfully in a place where you are allowed to engage in free speech activities and/or that your activities are not creating a disturbance.

May I approach pedestrians with petitions, leaflets or other literature on public sidewalks?

Yes. You have the right to approach pedestrians on public sidewalks and distribute material without a permit. However, you do not have the right to purposely block the path of pedestrians or block the entrances to buildings.

Do counter-demonstrators have free speech rights?

Yes. While counter-demonstrators do not have a right to physically disrupt the event or drown out the speakers they are protesting, they do have the right to be present and to voice their displeasure within in the vicinity of the demonstrators.

What should I do if my rights are being violated by a police officer?

It is rarely productive to aggressively confront or resist a police officer. You should ask to speak to a supervisor and explain your position to her or him that the First Amendment protects your actions.

We advise that you follow the police order and then write down what happened as soon as possible, including the names of police officers, any badge numbers or patrol car numbers you remember, any witness names and other potentially important information.

As the premier civil liberties organization in our state, the ACLU of Michigan’s mission remains realizing the promise of the Bill of Rights for all and expanding the reach of its guarantees to all areas and communities.

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The ACLU of Michigan has also published a Know Your Rights pocket guide that explains your rights if you are stopped by the police, the FBI or immigration agents. The card is available at: <http://www.aclumich.org/bustcard>



FREE LEGAL HELP

For Low-Income People and Seniors (60+)

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Monday–Thursday
9 a m – 7 p m

Friday
9 a m – 3 p m

What Type of Legal Aid do We Provide?

Family matters, including:

- Domestic Violence Survivor Assistance
- Divorce
- Custody/Parenting Time/Support
- Guardianship/Conservatorship

Housing matters, including:

- Eviction Defense
- Tenants' Rights
- Habitability/Home Repair
- Access to Adequate Housing
- Land Contract Forfeiture
- Utility Shut-Offs
- Mortgage & Tax Foreclosures

Income matters, including:

- Public Benefits
- Disability & Age-Related Benefits

Consumer matters, including:

- Bankruptcy
- Debt Collection
- Debt Counseling
- Unfair Sales Practices
- Credit Reporting/Repair
- Garnishment/Repossession

Miscellaneous matters, including:

- Wills
- Durable Powers of Attorney-Health
- Durable Powers of Attorney-Finance
- Expungements
- Driver's License Restoration

*We are **unable** to help with criminal law or traffic-related issues.*



Wayne Metro CARES

Relief & Recovery Services

In an effort to respond to the immediate needs of Wayne County residents, Wayne Metro is implementing our CARES Relief & Recovery Services. Through this new initiative, residents may qualify for assistance in the following areas:



Food & Income Support

Distributing food, formula, diapers, wipes & Personal Protection Equipment.

Water & Energy Assistance

Providing residents with financial assistance towards energy & water utilities.



Emergency Plumbing Repair

Provide plumbing repairs that will resolve the immediate emergency with access to water services.



Rent & Mortgage Assistance

Providing rental assistance & help towards mortgage payments.



Property Tax Assistance

Offering Property Tax Assistance, which can help reduce property taxes.

Funeral Assistance

Providing financial assistance towards burial and cremation services.



Who Qualifies?

- 200% of Poverty
- Layoff, Decrease in Hours, Recipient of Unemployment
- Child in Head Start or have a child receiving free or reduced lunch
- Receipt of benefits through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service (MDHHS).
- Benefits to include but not limited to: SNAP, TANF, SDA, Medicaid and childcare benefits
- Current enrollee in other assistance programs (Ex. WRAP, MEAP, HUD programs) that currently have income guideline restrictions

200% Federal Poverty Chart

Number of Household Members	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Income Limit	25,520	34,480	43,440	52,400	61,360	70,320	79,280	88,240	96,600	100,980

How to Get Help

Please visit www.waynemetro.org/CARES or call the Wayne Metro CONNECT Center at (313) 388-9799.

The CONNECT Center hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Programs will vary based on community.



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Community Action Agency

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CALL 2-1-1

FOR INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON:

- ★ Utility and Rent Payment Assistance
- ★ Job Search/Placement
- ★ Food
- ★ Health Care
- ★ Child Care
- ★ Housing and Temporary Shelter
- ★ Prescription Expense Assistance
- ★ School-Related Programs
- ★ Free Tax Preparation
- ★ And More!



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Get Connected. Get Answers.

Call 2-1-1 for information and resources on health care, child care, prescription expense assistance, food, utility assistance and more!

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WRAP BENEFITS



Home water audit and minor plumbing repairs **average of \$1,500** for residents above 120% of average usage

Water saving kits, consumer training classes and Supportive WRAP - Around Services

CLIENT BENEFITS



UP TO \$1,000
in assistance per household



UP TO \$350
first arrearage payment made at initial enrollment



\$25 MONTHLY
bill credit & help with arrears

WRAP QUALIFICATIONS

PROVIDE PROOF OF

- Residency & income
- Renter's proof of responsibility for water on lease



Have income at or below 200% of poverty level



Stay current on monthly bill payment

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CALL 313-386-WRAP (9727)
 << or scan this code to apply today!





Water & Sewerage
Department

10/30/50 Payment Plan

The 10/30/50 plan was developed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD)



for Detroit residents and businesses that experience difficulty in paying their past due water and sewerage bills. There are no income restrictions to qualify. The plan affirms DWSD's commitment to assist our customers with a payment plan that provides solutions to avoid service interruption.

To Enroll:

- The account must be in the resident's or business's name;
- Customer makes a down payment of 10%, 30% or 50% of the past due balance:
 - Percentage is based on the number of payment plans the customer entered in the last 18 months; first time is 10%, second time 30%, third time or more 50%
- The balance of the past due amount is equally spread over a 6-24 month period which the customer pays in addition to the normal monthly bill (months are determined by the balance owed);
- All payments must be made in full and on time to stay in the plan.

For more information, please contact a DWSD Customer Care Specialist at 313-267-8000 or visit one of our locations:

<u>Downtown</u>	<u>Eastside</u>	<u>Westside</u>
735 Randolph Detroit, MI 48226	13303 E. McNichols Detroit, MI 48205	15600 Grand River Detroit, MI 48227

Open Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

If your name is on your DWSD account, you may enroll by calling 313-267-8000 or online at detroitmi.gov/paymywaterbill



BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1ST, THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES IS PROCESSING ALL APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ENERGY ASSISTANCE



The **Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)** is a preventive program designed to provide energy assistance to low-income households so that they can reach energy self-sufficiency. A household that qualifies for State Emergency Relief for heat or non-heat electricity services also qualifies for additional energy services from the Michigan Energy Assistance Program through agencies that have received MDHHS grant funding.

If you or someone you know is in need of energy bill assistance, applications can be accessed online at www.michigan.gov/mibridges. Paper applications are also available at local MDHHS offices.

WAYNE METRO IS HERE TO HELP.

If you need a hand with filling out an application, please contact our CONNECT Center at 313-388-9799 or chat with us at www.waynemetro.org.

CHOOSE US AS YOUR REFERRAL ORGANIZATION.

Once your application is processed, you can also select Wayne Metro as your MEAP Provider or Navigation Partner.

Wayne Metro offers other programs and services that may assist you. Please visit our website at www.waynemetro.org or contact our CONNECT Center at: **313-388-9799**. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm.



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www.thawfund.org 1.800.866.THAW

The Heat and Warmth Fund, a leading provider of energy assistance, wants to make it easier for you to get the help you need. If you are struggling to pay your energy bill, you can apply for assistance online at www.thawfund.org or by using a printable application. This year, THAW is currently offering two affordable payment plans for eligible customers:

DTE Customers

DTE Low-Income Self-Sufficiency Plan (LSP)

LSP offers:

- A fixed monthly amount for your utilities, and the program will pay the difference between the plan amount and your monthly bill
- Access to dedicated Customer Advocates
- Self-sufficiency training
- Protection from shutoff during enrollment
- No future late payment charges
- Reduction of your outstanding balance.
- Any three missed payments during the year will result in plan termination.

SEMCO Customers

SEMCO Monthly Assistance Program (MAP)

MAP offers:

- A reduced monthly budget payment based on your income and previous years' consumption, and the program will pay the difference between the plan amount and your monthly bill
- Past due balance forgiveness
- No late fees and service is protected from disconnection during enrollment
- Customers will be considered in default if they fall two payments behind during the program.

HOW TO APPLY

- **Submit your application online at www.thawfund.org/programs.**
- **Complete all sections of the application and return it to the address below.**
- **Mail this completed application to The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW)**

535 Griswold St, Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48226

Need help completing this form?

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MEAP Crisis Prevention Program Eligibility Guidelines

- Account must be residential (not a commercial account).
- Accounts must have a past due balance (usage arrears).
The following do not qualify as usage arrears: cooking gas, bankruptcy, unauthorized or illegal usage, utility/energy provider late fees, utility/energy provider unregulated services (appliance repair).
- Utility service must be active.
- Account must be in the applicant's name. If the account is not in the applicant's name, the applicant must provide
 - * a written explanation as to why the responsible party listed on the utility bill is not the one applying for MEAP assistance
 - * proof of ID that matches the address on the utility bill
 - * all documents required to process the application
- Applicant must pay unauthorized usage charges and security fees.

Household Income Guidelines

Eligible households must be at or below 150% FPL. The following 2017 guidelines for **monthly household income** will be in effect:

Household Size	Monthly Income	Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,507.50	5	\$3,597.50
2	\$2,030.00	6	\$4,120.00
3	\$2,552.50	7	\$4,642.50
4	\$3,075.00	8	\$5,165.00

* For each additional household member, add \$522.50.



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Detroit Field Office
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(313) 456-4700

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 Oil, chemical, biological & radiological

✉ NRC@uscg.mil

(800) 424-8802

EPA Region 5
 Environmental Protection Agency
 ✉ r5hotline@epa.gov

Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm

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 Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib
 Neighborhood Service Center

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(313) 463-6220

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 State Senator Stephanie Chang, & Detroit City
 Councilmember Raquel Castañeda-López.

Public Hearings

What You Should Know

Required by the law

The law requires the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to allow the public to comment on some actions (permits, enforcement, etc.). More information about these actions can be found at a public hearing or on EGLE website at: Michigan.gov/egleCalendar.

The hearing is not the time for questions

The hearing itself does not allow for discussion – however, before the start of the formal hearing time, EGLE staff will normally host an informational session. You are encouraged to ask questions during the informational session.

Public comments are a very important part of making sure the action being taken has been thoroughly reviewed. Based on comments received during the public comment period and the comments received at this hearing, EGLE may:

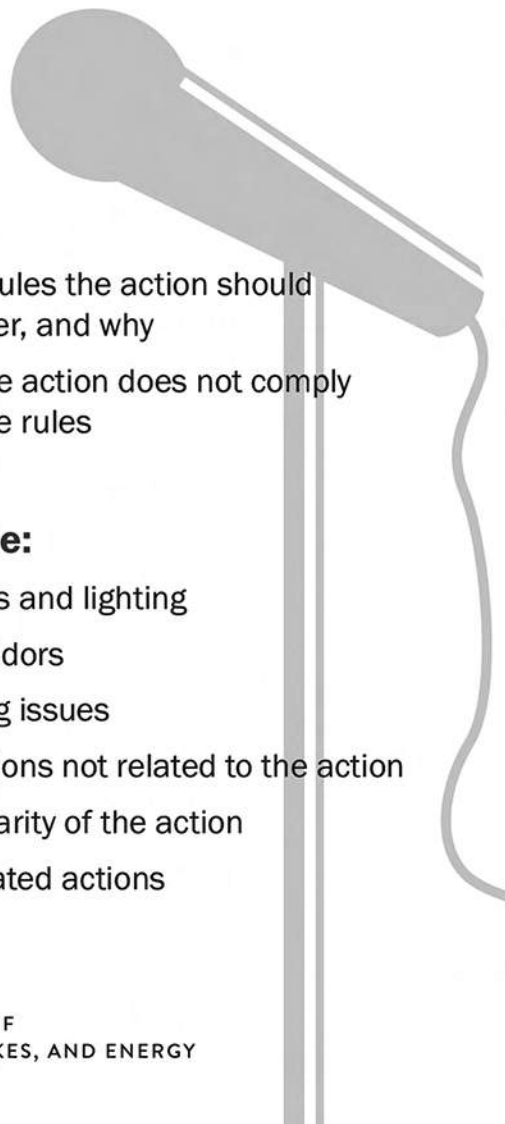
- complete the action as proposed;
- deny the action; or
- revise the action.

Comments EGLE can consider include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical mistakes • Grammar and spelling mistakes • Other items the action should include, and why | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other rules the action should consider, and why • Why the action does not comply with the rules |
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Some issues EGLE cannot consider include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emission sources not part of the action • Land uses not related to the action • Water uses not related to the action • Indoor air pollution • Traffic • Hours the company operates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noises and lighting • Mild odors • Zoning issues • Violations not related to the action • Popularity of the action • Unrelated actions |
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How does a public hearing work?

EGLE staff will give you background information about the purpose of the hearing and how comments will be used. Comments are important, so most of the time during the hearing will be spent listening to them. EGLE staff will take notes while you are making your comment. During the hearing, EGLE staff will not be responding to your comment.

After the hearing, EGLE staff will review all of the comments and respond to them in a written report. The report will be available on the Department's website or by contacting EGLE directly at 800-662-9278.

How can I be heard?

Public hearings are recorded and all comments become a part of the information that EGLE will review when making its decision on the proposed action. All comments will be reviewed before EGLE makes its decision.

1. Fill out an attendance card and indicate if you wish to make a comment by checking the box. These cards show people interested in the proposed action and who want to make a comment today.
2. The names of the people wishing to provide a comment will be called upon. When your name is called, please come up to the microphone.
3. If you have written comments or items you would like to present, please hand them to staff as you approach the microphone.
4. State your name and any group or association you may represent.
5. Begin your comments. You may be given a specific amount of time for your comments.
6. Once your comments are complete, take your seat so the next person may be called. When all names have been called, we will ask if anyone else would like to make a comment.

What if I have more questions?

If you have questions, EGLE staff are normally available in or outside of the hearing room for one-on-one assistance.

Thank you for your comments and cooperation. We appreciate you showing an interest in this proposed action by taking the time to be here today.

Thank you for being courteous and respectful!

800-662-9278 | Michigan.gov/egle

Michigan's Environmental Justice Policy promotes the fair, non-discriminatory treatment and meaningful involvement of Michigan's residents regarding the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies by this state. Fair, non-discriminatory treatment intends that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or low-income populations, will bear a disproportionately greater burden resulting from environmental laws, regulations, policies, and decision-making. Meaningful involvement of residents ensures an appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions about a proposed activity that will affect their environment and/or health.

Get your free recycling cart

Visit detroitrecycles.org today!

The city offers curbside recycling to all single family homes and buildings with up to 4 residential units. Join thousands of your neighbors who are protecting their environment by recycling. Just visit detroitrecycles.org to play our educational game and sign up for your free cart.



What to know about recycling

- Place clean, dry recyclables loose in your cart.
- Do not bag your recyclables. Plastic bags aren't recyclable!
- Your blue recycling cart gets picked up the same day as your bulk waste.

What goes in the bin?



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE LOOSE IN YOUR CART



Metal



Aluminum and Steel Cans
empty and rinse

Glass



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse

Paper



Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines and Mail, Flattened Cardboard & Paper Tubes

Plastic (#1-#7)



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers
empty and replace cap

NO!



No Yard Waste



No Garbage, Do Not Bag Recyclables



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (return to store)



No Paper Towels or Napkins



No Batteries or Electronics

Want to learn more?

Visit our website for a full list of accepted and prohibited items and information for **Recycle Here!** our recycling drop-off center.

Be a good neighbor!

Pack your bulk and yard waste properly!

We would like to remind residents to follow the city’s guidelines regarding yard waste, bulk collection and illegal dumping. Residents must adhere to the following guidelines to ensure your collection will be picked up on your scheduled pickup date and to **prevent being ticketed**:

Yard Waste

- Residents must place grass clippings, leaves, and small twigs that are no more than two inches in diameter in biodegradable paper bags on their bi-weekly scheduled bulk collection day



- When placing bagged yard waste at the curb, it must be at least six feet from your carts or in a personal garbage cart clearly labeled “yard waste” on two sides of the container

- Branches and twigs that are up to four feet in length and no more than four inches in diameter, should be bundled and tied securely and placed at the curb (Individual bundles should not weigh more than 60 pounds)

- **Yard waste will not be picked up in plastic bags**

Bulk Collection

- Bulk items should be no more than 1,000 pounds or exceed two cubic yards in volume
- Examples of bulk items include: Furniture, appliances, air conditioners, hot water tanks, carpeting, mattresses, large toys, etc.
- Remove doors from appliances before setting out for bulk collection
- These items are NOT considered bulk items: remodeling or construction debris, household hazardous waste, flammables, explosives, paint, batteries, hazardous or medical wastes, fuel, oil, tires, car parts, needles, radioactive materials, chemicals, etc.

UNACCEPTABLE



ACCEPTABLE



Did you know DPW offers Paid Pickup?

DPW provides affordable curbside pickup for bulk and yard waste items that may exceed the city’s collection limits? Call **313-876-0004** to request a quote today.



Illegal Dumping

Placing items at vacant lots and vacant homes is prohibited. Avoid getting a ticket by following our guidelines. To report illegal dumping, please use the **Improve Detroit** mobile app.

Thank you for doing your part in being a good neighbor and keeping our city clean and beautiful!

Starting a Block Club/Community Association 101

Why Start a Block Club?

- Get to know your neighbors;
- Build safer and more beautiful neighborhoods;
- Address community concerns;
- Stay informed about local issues & meet with city officials;
- Host fun neighborhood events and social gatherings;
- Ensure your community has a voice downtown



Created by Peter van Driel
from Noun Project

What Activities Can We Do?

- Provide a space for neighbors to share information and concerns
- Organize an alley clean up
- Movie/card night
- Neighborhood safety walk
- Meet with city officials: Council Members, neighborhood police officers, etc.
- Put together a family fun day
- Adopt and beautify a vacant lot

- Create a neighborhood newsletter
- Organize a protest
- Check up on seniors
- Put together a contact list of residents
- Host a monthly potluck
- Make a time bank to share services (snow shoveling, babysitting, etc.)
- Host a book club through the Detroit Public Library's Book Club in a Bag program

Where Should I Start?

1. Pick a time, date and location (church, backyard, business) for your first meeting. Make flyers with the information and give them to your neighbors (Canva and PosterMyWall are free online tools you might use). You only need 4 members to start a club and serve as officers.
2. At every meeting or event, bring a sign in sheet where folks can write their name, address, and best way to get in touch with them. Bring an agenda to keep on track.
3. Your agenda can have whatever items you want. Here are some common agenda items for first meetings:
 - ✓ Introductions
 - ✓ Purpose: Why do you want to start a group? Talk about why you want to start the group. Do you want to clean up alleys, launch a safety patrol, etc.?
 - ✓ Boundaries of the club? This can be one block or many.
 - ✓ Name of the club?
 - ✓ When and where is the next meeting? 2nd Thursdays, etc.
4. Future agendas can have items like Announcements, New Business, Dues, etc.
5. Housekeeping:
 - ✓ Make sure people sign in. Decide how you will get in touch - email group, text group, phone tree, flyers?
 - ✓ Do any of your neighbors need information shared in other languages?
6. Use emails or calls to remind members to attend. It takes a few months for people to remember to come to meetings without reminders! Decide on officers, and what each officer will do. You will need a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. (This may happen at the 3rd, 4th or even 10th meeting!)
7. Fill out a [block club registration form](#) and send it to your [District Manager's](#) office. You will receive a letter of confirmation.

CONGRATS! This means you are now an official block club.

Where Can We Find Additional Help?

Detroit City Council Member Castañeda-López has launched a program to help grow block clubs and other neighborhood groups.

Contact us at 313-224-2450 to set up an appointment and get one-on-one assistance. Habla Español? Llame a Laura al 313-224-1204 o al correo sanchezl@detroitmi.gov

Also:

- ✓ The City of Detroit's Department of Neighborhoods has an online tool for block club development: <http://www.detroitmi.gov/Detroit-Opportunities/Improve-Your-Neighborhood>. They can also give you bags and gloves for a neighborhood clean up.
- ✓ AmeriCorps' Urban Safety Program also helps residents launch block clubs and conducts home safety assessments to promote public safety. Contact amusprogram@gmail.com for more info.



IMPROVE DETROIT

What is Improve Detroit?

Improve Detroit is a mobile app that makes reporting common quality-of-life problems in your neighborhood (e.g. potholes, illegal dumping, and fallen trees) directly to the City easier than ever!

Que es Improve Detroit?

Improve Detroit es una aplicación móvil donde puedes reportar problemas sobre tu calidad de vida en tu vecindario hacia la Ciudad de Detroit.

ما هو تحسين ديترويت؟

تحسين ديترويت هو تطبيق محمول يجعل الإبلاغ عن مشكلات المدينة أسهل!

Where to find it:

Improve Detroit is in the App Store and Google Play

Donde buscarlo:

Mejorar Detroit esta en el App Store y Google Play

أين يمكن العثور عليه؟

تحسين ديترويت في كل من متجر Google Play والتطبيقات و

How to use it:

Simply take a picture (very helpful, but not required), choose a location, select a category, enter details, and report. It's that easy!

Como usarlo:

Simplemente toma una foto (no es requisito, pero ayuda mucho), selecciona una ubicación y categoría, entra los detalles y repórtalo. ¡Es tan fácil!

كيفية استخدامها؟

ببساطة التقط صورة . واختر موقعا . وحدد فئة . وأدخل التفاصيل ، وأبلغ عن ذلك. الأمر بهذه السهولة

Examples of what you can report:



Fallen trees
Árboles caídos
الأشجار المتساقطة



Illegal dumping
Basura tirada ilegalmente
مواقع التفريغ غير القانونية



Potholes
Baches
الحفر

(3 1 3) 2 2 4 - 2 4 5 0

COUNCILMEMBERRAQUEL@DETROITMI.GOV

BENEFITS OF HAVING A MUNICIPAL ID

DEVELOPED BY THE IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

FOR INFORMATION,
CALL: (800) - 408-1599

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2301 WOODMERE ST
DETROIT MI 48209

SAMARITAN CENTER
5555 CONNER ST
DETROIT MI 48213



ACCESS. OPPORTUNITIES. SERVICES



Detroit ID can be used to verify your identity to a law enforcement officer.

INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

OPEN UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Use Detroit ID to open electric or water accounts with DTE and Detroit Water and Sewerage Dept.



Detroit ID can be used to open a bank account with One Detroit Credit Union

OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

DISCOUNTS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Over 100 Detroit area businesses offer discounts for customers carrying Detroit ID





To purchase side lots or neighborhood lots, follow the steps below:

Breathe Free Detroit was successful in shutting down the Detroit Incinerator in 2019 and our work continues in protecting the community here. In our efforts to increase community owned land, we created this sheet to assist you in purchasing land back from the Detroit Land Bank Authority. We hope these efforts will increase land ownership and equity within our community as we prepare for incoming new development and growth that follows a polluting facility's demise.

Step 1:

- **Go to:** <https://buildingdetroit.org> OR...
- **Call:** 1-844-BUY-DLBA

Step 2: To Register online, have your email ready!

- **Click 'Sign In'** at the top of the webpage if you already have an account or **'Create Account'** if you do not have an account already.
- **To Create an Account:**
- **Register** by clicking **"Create Account"** at the top of the webpage www.buildingdetroit.org
 - **Complete** the registration form online.
 - **Confirm** your account by opening the email sent to you and click on 'Confirm Your Account'
 - **Then sign in** using your user name and password.

Step 3: At the top menu bar in blue...

- **Click** the dropdown menu under **'Make A Purchase'**
 - ◆ **Select 'Sidelots' option**
 - ◆ **Select 'Neighborhood Lots' option**
- Under **'Enter Your Home Address'**
 - ◆ Input your address to see all the lots available to you. Only include the street number and street name. You can also search by lot address for side lots. **See example:**

Purchase a Side Lot

5	Home Address	3103 FARNSWORTH	VIEW LOTS
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Step 4: View all available lots and make a purchase...

- **Click** the **'Purchase'** button for the lot you want to purchase.
 - ◆ **Verify** that you own the home next to this lot by selecting **'YES'** and follow the further instructions to complete the form and payment options.
 - ◆ **Under 'Proof of Maintenance':** Be sure to include the amount of years you have been maintaining this property, if any.
 - ◆ **Read** the terms and conditions and confirm
 - ◆ **Submit** your application!
- **Repeat** step 4 for each lot you plan to purchase.

Requirements for purchasing side lots through the Detroit Land Bank Authority

- Side Lots and Neighborhood Lots will be sold on a first come, first served basis.
- To Purchase the lots through the DLBA Side Lot Program, **you must own the home** next to the property you are purchasing **and** all property taxes must be paid.
- You cannot have unpaid delinquent property taxes on properties located in Wayne County, or have lost property to back taxes in Wayne County in the last three years.

A DLBA agent will be in contact with you through email or phone once your form is complete and submitted.
If you have any difficulties, call the land bank at 1-844-BUY-DLBA

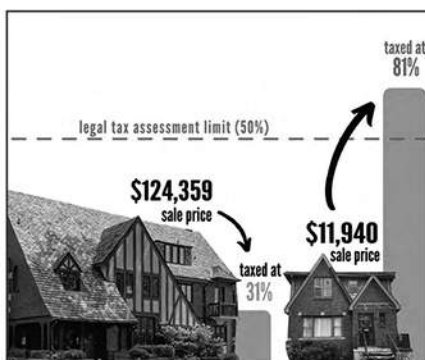
YOU CAN STOP ILLEGALLY HIGH PROPERTY TAXES!



THE PROBLEM: ILLEGALLY INFLATED PROPERTY TAXES AND UNJUST TAX FORECLOSURES IN DETROIT

Since 2009, the city of Detroit has been illegally inflating its property tax bills and when homeowners cannot afford to pay, Wayne County has foreclosed on 1 in 3 Detroit homes, displacing over 100,000 Detroiters.

Despite the city's 2017 attempt to correct this issue, the illegally inflated property taxes continue even today, especially for homes worth \$50,000 and less.



WHAT IS THE COALITION FOR PROPERTY TAX JUSTICE?

Founded in 2017, the Coalition For Property Tax Justice is a collective of long-standing Detroit grassroots organizations working to accomplish three goals:

GOAL #1: STOP OVERTAXING DETROITERS



Governor Whitmer must investigate and end illegally inflated property tax assessments in Detroit and propose solutions to pay back affected homeowners.

GOAL #2: PAY BACK OVERTAXED DETROITERS



Mayor Duggan must compensate Detroit residents who the City illegally over assessed or who experienced foreclosure when they could not afford their illegally inflated property tax bills.

GOAL #3: STOP FORECLOSURES OF OCCUPIED HOMES



Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree must stop foreclosures on all owner-occupied properties because the evidence shows illegal assessments continue.

THE SOLUTION: JOIN THE FIGHT!

ACTION #1: FIGHT FOR COMPENSATION

Sign our petition, demanding Mayor Duggan provide compensation for overtaxed Detroiters, by using the QR code below or going to bit.ly/CompensateDetroit



ACTION #2: REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

If you are a homeowner (not a landlord) and your home is worth \$100K or less, then you may be eligible for the University of Michigan's FREE property tax appeal service. To apply, use the QR code or go to <http://bit.ly/PTAPForm> to fill out our interest form.



ACTION #3: STAY INFORMED

Text "justice" to (248) 817-1781 to stay informed on how you can fight back.

HOMEOWNERS WERE OVERTAXED BY
\$600 MILLION
BETWEEN 2010-2016

Source: Christine MacDonald & Mark Betancourt, *Detroit Homeowners Overtaxed \$600 Million*, The Detroit News, (Jan. 11, 2020).

COALITION MEMBERS



CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: illegalforeclosures.detroit@gmail.com
Phone: (313) 438 - 8698
Messenger: @illegalforeclosures

SOCIAL MEDIA

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@IllegalForeclosures

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Coalition for Property Tax Justice

HOME REPAIR & ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Program Overview Eligibility

The State Emergency Relief Program assists residents with repairs that restore safety and essential services to their homes. Improvements can include services as extensive as furnace, water heater, or septic-system repair and replacement.

Applicant must be an owner-occupant. Home must not be listed for sale and must not be in jeopardy of loss. The ongoing maintenance of the home must not exceed 75% of the living group's net income.

CALL (313) 456-1000 OR GO TO MICHIGAN.GOV/MIBRIDGES TO APPLY

The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free energy conservation services to low-income Michigan homeowners and renters. Services typically include wall and attic insulation, air leakage reduction, and dryer venting.

Must be a Michigan resident. Household income must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty line. If you receive any cash assistance by the Department of Human Services, you automatically qualify.

CALL YOUR WEATHERIZATION OPERATOR—WAYNE METRO COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY— (313) 388-9799.

The Water Residential Assistance Program provides up to \$1,000 for minor household plumbing repairs to address problems leading to high water usage.

Homeowner's water usage must be more than 1.2X the average and be below 150% of the poverty threshold, and they must stay current on their water bill. Residents must also allow DWSD to install a new automatic meter.

CALL THE WRAP CONNECT CENTER (313) 386-WRAP TO GET STARTED

The Home Heating Credit assists low and moderate-income homeowners and renters cover part of their heating expenses. Submit the Home Heating Claim form (MI-1040CR-7) with your Michigan Income Tax filing.

Must be primary residence with annual income restrictions (e.g., individuals must make \$13,757 or less and a family of 4 must make \$28,328 or less)

FILE WITH MICHIGAN INCOME TAX BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30

The Detroit 0% Interest Home Repair Loan offers 10 year, 0% interest loans to address health and safety hazards. Projects that may qualify range from electrical and plumbing repairs to roof and furnace replacements. Loan sums range from \$5,000-\$25,000.

Must own and occupy home for at least 6 months prior to applying and must be current on insurance and taxes. Must have a credit score of at least 560 and show ability to afford loan payments.

CALL SOUTHWEST ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS (313) 841-9641 TO GET STARTED

WE RISE



WE VOTE

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In 2021
**MAJORITY
BLACK
DETROIT
DESERVES
BETTER**

Make your plan to
VOTE!

in the 2021 Election
The Primary
Tuesday, August 3rd
The General
Tuesday, November 2nd

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VOTE
Your Values
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The Candidates

Find out where candidates stand on the issues and their history supporting Majority Black Detroit.

WHAT MATTERS MOST:

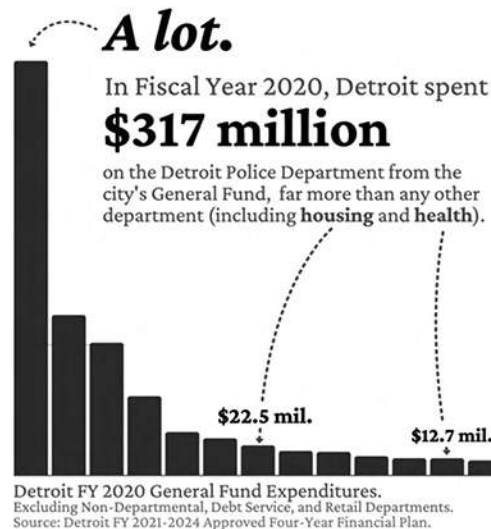
-  **Affordable Housing**
-  **Low Income Bus Fare**
-  **Community Benefits**
-  **No Corporate Welfare**
-  **Good Quality Jobs**
-  **Water Affordability**

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DETROIT POLICE FACT SHEET

HOW MUCH ARE WE SPENDING ON THE DPD?

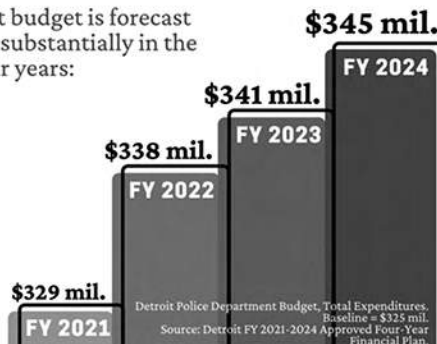



1 out of every 3 dollars from the city's General Fund is spent on the police.

Including other funds, such as state and federal grants, the total DPD budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was **\$330 million**.

(As with General Fund expenditures, the DPD budget still far outweighs all other departments in total expenditures.)

And that budget is forecast to grow substantially in the next four years:



WHAT DO THE POLICE DO WITH ALL OF THAT MONEY?

The Detroit Police Department is not effective at keeping our community safe.

Detroit has one of the **lowest rates for solving violent crimes** in the country.

41%: The DPD's average arrest rate for murder investigations (2010-'17).

12%: The DPD's average arrest rate for rape investigations.

Research has also revealed that in homicide cases, the **DPD is more likely to make an arrest when the victim is white** as opposed to Black or Latinx.

1/2 of all criminal prosecutions in Michigan are for minor traffic offenses like driving with a suspended license. Many of these offenses directly criminalize poverty and do nothing to improve public safety.

Most importantly, the police don't address the **root causes of crime**.

- There is **no correlation** between the number of police officers and crime rates.
- When the police *try* to stop crime by using "proactive policing" of minor offenses (which is the strategy adopted by the DPD), research shows that communities are destabilized and **severe crime actually increases**.



To learn more, visit detroitjustice.org/highwayrobbery.

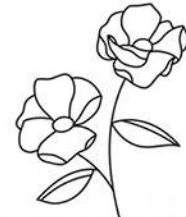
Sources: "Murder With Impunity," *Washington Post* (June 8, 2018); Groeger, Fahy, & Greenblatt, "Could Your Police Department Be Inflating Rape Clearance Rates?," *ProPublica* (November 15, 2018); Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, *Report and Recommendations* (2020).

Sources: Alex Vitale, *The End of Policing* 71 (2017); Sullivan & O'Keefe, "Evidence that curtailing proactive policing can reduce major crime," *Nature Human Behavior* 1, 730-737 (2017); Bergen, "Detroit Picks Broken Theory To Fight Crime," *Forbes* (2012).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DEFUND THE POLICE?



"#DefundPolice is a demand to cut funding and resources from police departments and other law enforcement and **invest in things that actually make our communities safer:** quality, affordable, and accessible housing, universal quality health care, including community based mental health services, income support to stay safe during the pandemic, safe living wage employment, education, and youth programming."



- *Movement For Black Lives Defund Toolkit*

WHAT ELSE COULD THE CITY OF DETROIT DO WITH \$317 MILLION?

Build 18 restorative justice centers (\$17 mil. a piece).



Provide a \$10,000 child care tax income credit to 31,700 families when 48% of children in Detroit are living in poverty.



Create mental health and rehabilitation facilities with beds for 244 patients (\$1.3 mil. per bed).



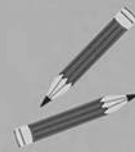
Create 10,160 living-wage jobs for people in the city.



House every homeless person in Detroit in \$90,000 homes AND give a \$5,000 tax credit to 23,000 homes facing tax foreclosure.



Within two years, renovate and modernize all DPSCD schools (\$500 mil. total).



STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS ON ISSUES THAT MATTER TO US



FEDERAL

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (District 13)
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(313) 463-6220



STATE

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(313) 922-6949 (517)-373-7346
senschang@senate.michigan.gov



State Representative Abraham Aiyash (District 4)
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abrahamaiyash@house.mi.gov



COUNTY

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Jonathan C. Kinloch (District 2)
(313) 224-0916 jkinlock@waynecounty.com



CITY

Councilwoman Mary Sheffield (District 5)
313-224-4505
councilmembersheffield@detroitmi.gov

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

ACLU of Michigan - 2966 Woodward Avenue www.aclumich.org (313) 578-6800
Lakeshore Legal Aid - 2727 2nd Avenue, #301 lakeshorelegalaid.org (888)-783-8190 or (313) 242-0811
Legal Aid and Defender Association - 613 Abbott Street..... (313) 967-5555
Sugar Law Center - 4605 Cass Avenue www.sugarlaw.org (313) 993-4505
Wayne County Probate Bar - 2 Woodward Avenue www.wcpba.org 1(800) 357-7090

TAX ASSISTANCE

Abayomi Community Development - 24331 W. Eight Mile abayomicdc.org (313) 541-9828
ACCESS - 2651 Saulino Ct. Dearborn accesscommunity.org (313) 842-7010
Accounting Aid Society - 3031 W. Grand Blvd. Suite 470 accountingsociety.org (866) 673-0873
Black Caucus Foundation - 2470 Collingwood St. Suite 309 (313) 285-9234
City of Detroit Board of Review - 2 Woodward Avenue, Room 824 (313) 628-0722
City of Detroit Taxpayer Service Center - 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 130 (313) 224-3560
City of Detroit Assessments Division - 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 804 (313) 224-3035
Donni's Door - donnisdoor.org (313) 538-3667
Green Path Financial Wellness - 2470 Collingwood St #106 greenpath.com (313) 961-1018
Michigan Legal Services - 2727 2nd Avenue, Suite 333 milegalservices.org (313) 964-4130
MSHDA Step Forward Funding (866) 946-7432
National Faith Homebuyers - 615 Griswold St, Suite 506 (313) 255-9500
New Hope CDC - 19487 Evergreen (313) 225-6275
Southwest Housing Solutions - 1920 25th St. (313) 841-3727
United Community Housing - 2727 2nd Avenue, Suite 313 uchcdetroit.org (313) 963-3310
U-SNAP-BAC - 14901 E. Warren (313) 640-1100
Wayne County Treasurer - 400 Monroe St. 5th Floor (313) 224-5990
Auction Information: (313) 224-2864
Wayne County Register of Deeds - 400 Monroe St. 5th Floor (313) 224-5850
Wayne County Veteran Services - 28 W. Adams, Suite 1710 (313) 224-5045

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

CLEARCorps Detroit - 11148 Harper..... clearcorpsdetroit.org (313) 924-4000
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department - 735 Randolph Street, 1st floor..... (313) 267-8000
DWSD 10/30/50 Plan - 13303 E. McNichols (313) 267-8000
THAW Program - 535 Griswold St., Suite 200 thawfund.org 1(800)-866-8429
United Way 2-1-1 - unitedwaysem.org/211 Call: 2-1-1 for information
Wayne Metro Community Action Agency - 7310 Woodward waynemetrometro.org (313) 388-9799
WRAP Program - waynemetrometro.org/wrap (313) 386-9727

CIVIL LIBERTIES AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Department of Neighborhoods (DON's) District 5 Manager (313) 236-3528
 District 5 Deputy Manager (313) 236-3523

Handicap Sign Request (DPW Sign Shop) - 2425 Fenkell Ave (313) 628-2950
Detroit Meals on Wheels - 1333 Brewery Park Blvd #200 (313) 446-4444
Detroit Area Agency on Aging - 1333 Brewery Park - Det, Mi (313) 446-4444
DDOT and Senior Transit - 1301 E Warren Ave (313) 933-1300

<u>Department of Transportation (DDOT)</u>	(313) 933-1300
Metro Lifts	(313) 578-8268
Request a Yellow Mit Accessibility Assistance	(313) 833-3655
Hearing Impaired Number / TTY Schedule Information	(313) 834-3434 / 7-1-1
<u>Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental (BSEED) - General</u>	(313) 224-2733
Property Maintenance	(313) 628-2451
Abandoned / Dangerous Building	(313) 224-3215
Rats and Rodents	(313) 471-5115
Environmental Enforcement	(313) 876-0974
<u>Public Lighting Authority - 400 Monroe St, #485</u>	(313) 324-8290
Public Lighting (Street Lights Out)	Email: lightsout@detroitmi.gov
<u>Department of Public Works - Administrative Office</u>	(313) 224-3901
Text Sign-Up for Trash & Recycling Reminders	(313) 800-7905
Disposal Provider Advance / GFL	(844) 233-8764 / (844) 464-3587
Sidewalk Repair	(313) 224-3954
Request Street Repairs	(313) 224-0033
Report a Dead Animal	(313) 876-0004
Snow Removal and Street Cleaning	(313) 224-3901
<u>General Services Department</u>	
Illegal Dumping/Blight	(313) 876-0426, (313) 876-0974
Alley Cleanup Program	(313) 402-4174
Street Maintenance/Potholes	(313) 224-0033
Trees & Forestry.....	(313) 871-5461/ 24-hour (313) 590-3336
Request a free street tree	(313) 224-6391
Vacant Lot Maintenance / Grass Cutting.....	(313) 224-5555
Auto Recovery	(313) 267-4639
<u>Housing and Land Purchase Assistance:</u>	
Building Authority - 1301 Third St, Suite 328	(313) 224-0174
Housing and Revitalization Dept. - 2 Woodward Ave, Suite 908	(313) 224-3461
Affordable Housing Assistance	(313) 224-6380
Home Mortgage Program	www.detroitmymortgage.org
Zero Percent Home Loans	(313)-265-2928
Housing Commission - 2211 Orleans	(313) 877-8000 or (313) 877-8807
Land Bank Authority - 500 Griswold St. Suite 1200	(313) 974-6869
Lots & Home Sales	buildingdetroit.org (844) 289-3522
<u>Jobs and Business Assistance:</u>	
Detroit At Work (Career Center)	www.detroitatwork.com (313) 962-9675
Business License Center	(313) 224-3178
Environmental Affairs	(313) 471-5115
Detroit Economic Growth Corporation	(313) 963-2940
<u>Public Safety:</u>	
Detroit's 7th Precinct - 3501 Chene St	(313) 596-5700
Report A Drug House	(313) 224-DOPE (3673)
Arson Tip Line	1(800) 44-ARSON (27766)
Department of Elections	(313) 876-0190
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	www.aclumich.org (313) 578-6800

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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