

### Homestead Application Form

This is to confirm that I am a resident of the City of Canton Ohio who owns and resides at the property below.

Service Address:
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I am applying for the ten percent (10%) discount on my city sewer service, fifty percent (50%) discount on my city sanitation service and to receive a credit of \$3.40 bimonthly for the meter replacement surcharge.

Applicant's Name:	DOB:	
Name of Spouse:	DOB:	
Signature:	Date:	Phone:

\*Attach Proof of Age and Income for Applicant and Spouse with Application \*

#### Certificate of Disability for Homestead Exemption If applicable, Required Once per Owner

Section 323.151 of the Ohio Revised Code provides, "Permanently and totally disabled" means a person who has on the first day of January of the year of application for the reduction of real estate taxes, some impairment in body or mind, which makes the applicant unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment, which he/she is reasonably able to perform and, which will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least 12 months without any present indication of recovery there from, or, who has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by a State or Federal agency having the function to classify persons.

If you are claiming a physical disability, you must complete a disability certificate, DTE 105E Certificate of Disability and have it signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in Ohio. If you are claiming a mental disability you must have the certificated signed by a physician or psychologist licensed to practice medicine in Ohio.

In accordance with the above, I (we) hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ was, on January 1, \_\_\_\_\_, and is now, permanently and totally disabled by virtue of a physical \_\_\_ mental \_\_\_ disability.

Physician:	Doctor's Printed Name:
Psychologist/Psychiatrist	Doctor's Printed Name:
Address:	

If Agency: signature and title of agent:

For Office Use Only

Homestead:    Y    N	Account No:
Single/Multi Family    S    M	Parcel No:
Services:    Swr    San	Printed by:

**CANTON CITY UTILITIES  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS**

**Who is Eligible?**

To qualify for Homestead Exemption, the applicant must:

1. be at least 65 years old during the year in which he/she is filing, or be permanently and totally disabled.
2. have a total income not to exceed **\$31,500** per year.
3. must own and occupy home as principal place of residence effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the filing year.
4. home must be inside city limits.

**Can the surviving spouse of a deceased person, who qualified for homestead also qualify?**

To qualify for Homestead Exemption, the surviving spouse must:

1. be the surviving spouse of a deceased person who was at least age 65 years old or permanently disabled and who applied and qualified for the exemption in the year of his/her death.
2. the spouse must be at least 59 years old on the date of the decedent's death
3. meet all other homestead exemption requirements.

**What are the specific requirements?**

1. must file a Homestead Exemption annually and show proof of income, e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> page of Federal Income Tax form for applicant and for spouse.
2. must occupy the home as of January of the filing year
3. must show proof of age with a driver's license or birth certificate.

**What qualifies as permanently and totally disabled?**

1. Section 4503.064 of the Ohio Revised Code states that, "permanently and totally disabled," means a person who has some impairment in body or mind, rendering the person unfit to work at any substantial remunerative employment, which he/she is reasonably able to perform and, which will, within reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least 12 months without any present indication of recovery therefrom or has been certified as permanently and totally disabled by a state or federal agency having the function of so classifying persons. A Certificate of Disability Form must be filled out once per owner, signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Ohio, and submitted with the application for Homestead Exemption.

**What are the total income guidelines?**

1. total income includes the income of the owner(s) of the home and includes the income of a spouse of the owner, even though the spouse may not be an actual owner. The basis of total income is Adjusted Gross Income under the Internal Revenue Code and includes compensation, rents, interest, fees, and most other types of total income.

**Items that must be included in applicant's income:**

1. old Age and Survivors Benefits
2. Social Security Benefits
3. other retirement benefits, pensions and annuities
4. all interest and/or dividend income from whatever sources
5. proof of spouse's income

**Items that must be excluded in an applicant's income:**

1. disability payments issued by the Veterans Administration or any branch of the Armed Services.
2. Worker's Compensation payments.

**What is the penalty for knowingly providing false information?**

1. The signature of the applicant on the Homestead Exemption application authorizes Canton City Utilities to determine all financial records relating to applicant's income.
2. a conviction of willfully falsifying information to obtain an assessed value reduction, or failing to report any changes in total income, ownership, disability, or other relevant information on a timely filed application shall result in ineligibility for a period of three years along with a possible fine.