

Bay Restoration Fund Fee

Many residents and building owners in Maryland are subject to a set of fees that support the **Bay Restoration Fund** which was created to upgrade Maryland's wastewater treatment plants.

The fees are levied on users of wastewater facilities, onsite sewage disposal systems and holding tanks that are located in Maryland or qualify by serving Maryland users. The revenue is collected by the billing authorities and remitted to the Comptroller of Maryland.

Residential Dwellings

Each residential dwelling that receives an individual sewer bill and each onsite sewage disposal system or holding tank that receives a water bill is subject to a \$2.50 monthly fee beginning January 1, 2005.

Each user of an onsite sewage disposal system that does **not** receive a water bill and each user of sewage holding tank that does **not** receive a water bill is subject to a \$30 annual fee beginning October 1, 2005.

Multiple Dwellings

A building under single ownership that receives a sewer bill and contains multiple dwellings that do not receive sewer bills or for nonresidential user is subject to a:

\$2.50 monthly fee per each dwelling unit up to 3,000 units or less.

\$1.25 monthly fee per each dwelling unit for 3,000 - 5,000 units.

Maximum fee for above 5,000 dwelling units or more: \$10,000/month for any single user

The applicable fee will be stated separately on the sewer or water bill. Users who don't receive sewer or water bills must submit their fees to their local county government.

Financial Hardship Exemptions

The law allows the billing authority to establish a program to exempt certain "residential" dwellings that demonstrate substantial financial hardship. The LaVale Sanitary Commission will consider the factors below for exempting residential users from paying the Bay Restoration Fee, where the applicant meets at least two of the following conditions:

- Receiving energy assistance subsidy;
- Receiving public assistance – supplemental Social Security income (SSI) or food stamps;
- Receiving Veterans or Social Security disability benefits;
- Meeting the income criteria below:

Household (2010-2011)* Monthly Size Income is less than

1 \$1,194

2 \$1,561

3 \$1,959

4 \$2,356

5 \$2,754

6 \$3,151

Additional Persons Add \$398 each

We will need copies of the above documentation and a completed hardship form (available at the office). Once you have provided all the appropriate information your file will be forwarded for approval. The individual exemption will not exceed one year without re-verification of eligibility.