

PANDEMIC RESOURCE UPDATE



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Religious Coalition

*Spanish Speaking Community of MD
Frederick Family Law Self Help Center
Maryland Court Self Help Center
Bar Association of Frederick County
Frederick Community College*

Maryland Court Help Center

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Landlord/Tenant Law in Frederick, MD and COVID-19

- **Types of Eviction Cases**
 - Failure to Pay Rent (FTRP)
 - Tenant Holding Over (THO)
 - 1 month written notice to vacate
- **Breach of Lease (BOL)**
 - Written notice, opportunity to correct breach
- **Wrongful Detainer (WD)**
 - “Guest” vs. Tenant



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- **Eviction Process**

- Landlord provides written notice (THO, BOL)
- Landlord files Complaint with District Court
- Notice and Complaint posted on property by Sheriff
- Hearing
- Possible defenses: balance paid; rent escrow; improper notice; COVID-19 ([CDC Declaration Form](#)); etc.

- **Judgment of Possession**

- **Landlord files Petition for Warrant of Restitution**

- FTPR: 5th business day
- THO and BOL: immediately



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- Warrant of Restitution issued
- Sheriff schedules eviction
- Eviction
 - Redemption in FTPR cases
- **COVID-19 Impact on Evictions**
- November 30, 2020 through March 14, 2021—Phase II Operations
 - FTPR: No hearings (will be scheduled AFTER 3/14/2021)
 - THO/BOL/WD: Emergency hearings only
- Expect new Administrative Orders by March 2021
- CDC Eviction Protection
 - Extended until March 31, 2021



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Legal Help

**IF YOU RECEIVE A HEARING NOTICE OR
WARRANT OF RESTITUTION**

CALL THE MARYLAND COURT HELP CENTER

410-260-1392

Monday through Friday, 8:30am-8:00pm

Religious Coalition

“Supporting Families in Need”

- Rental assistance
 - SSCM and Religious Coalition Partnership
 - Changes to the new Rental Relief
 - 12 months in arrears
 - Time period -- March to September 2021
 - New Application Requirements
 - COVID Impacted proof
 - Lease (Landlord Letter)
 - Pay stubs (Declaration document)
 - Rent Statement (months owed)
- Other Assistance under Religious Coalition
 - Medical
 - Shelter
 - Utilities



Spanish Speaking Community of MD

“Making a difference in the community”

- **SSCM Resources**
 - FCPS Partnership
 - Engagement and Participation
 - Events
 - Translations
 - Immigration
 - Grants
 - Mental Health
 - Medical Assistance
 - Employment
 - Landlord/Tenant Disputes
 - Employment



Family Law Self Help Center

“Helping Families navigate the legal system?”

Currently available by appointment

Text or call to schedule appointment:

301.834.2627

Text messages accepted M-F 8:30am - 4pm

Call accepted M/W/F 9-11am

Attorneys and paralegals assist litigants
to file for custody or divorce.

The Center assists with all aspects of litigation preparatio



Frederick County
FAMILY LAW
SELF HELP CENTER

FREE LEGAL ADVICE
AND INFORMATION

To make an appointment, please call or text:

(301)834-2627

Text messages are preferred and
accepted during regular business hours;

Phone calls are accepted during the following days/times:

MONDAY • WEDNESDAY • FRIDAY

9 AM - 11 AM • 3 PM - 5 PM

We will complete an initial intake by phone to check for a possible conflict-of-interest, outline general issues, and schedule an appointment with the attorney.

Meetings will be held by audio or video call.
Currently, walk-in service is not available until further notice.

For updates on our services and intake procedures, please go to:

<https://frederickcountymd.gov/SelfHelp>

Family Law Self Help Center

“Helping Families navigate the legal system?”

Maryland Court Help Center - Frederick

FREE legal help in **civil** cases for individuals who do not have a lawyer.

100 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Who can we help? An individual with a legal problem. We cannot help relatives or agents of the person with the legal problem or businesses, sole proprietorships, LLCs, third parties, or personal representatives.

**Court Help Center lawyers will not represent you in court.
This service is provided to help you represent yourself.**

Get help with

- Landlord/Tenant
- Family matters like divorce, custody, child support, guardianship and name change, domestic violence
- Small and Large Claims
- Consumer matters like car repossessions, debt collection, and credit card cases
- Return of Property (Replevin and Detinue)

Self-Help Center lawyers may help you

- Complete court forms
- Learn how to file court documents
- Prepare for court
- Prepare for mediation
- Understand court documents

Office of Home Energy Programs

“Helping Families keep the lights on”

Managed by the Frederick Community Action Agency, a City of Frederick Programs



- Frederick OHEP offers the following programs.
 - **The Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)** provides assistance grants to help with home heating bills. Payments are made to the client’s fuel supplier or utility company. Some MEAP participants may qualify for additional assistance with past due utility gas bills through the **Arrearage Retirement Program**. All Frederick County residents can apply.
 - **The Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP)** provides financial assistance with electric bills. Eligible customers receive help that pays a portion of their current electric bills. Some EUSP participants may qualify for assistance with past due electric bills through the **Arrearage Retirement Program**. All Frederick County residents can apply.
 - **CDBG CARES Act Emergency Funding** provides emergency assistance for City of Frederick residents who can show they have been financially impacted by COVID-19. Clients cannot reside in Public Subsidized Housing or have a Section 8 voucher. You must apply for the OHEP benefits listed above in order to be screened for this Emergency Fund. This funding ends in May 2021. Income guidelines for this funding are much higher than OHEP guidelines.

Application process



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS
ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Step 1

Complete the enclosed application

Step 2

Include copies of the required documents listed below

Step 3

Return your application and documents to your local OHEP office (Location listed on back)

Photo ID for the Applicant (Please submit one of the following)

- Driver's License or other government issued identification card

Proof of Residence (Please submit one of the following)

- Unexpired driver's license with current address listed
- Current Lease or housing letter (within last 12 months) or rent receipt from landlord with address listed
- Mortgage Statement within last 30 days
- Current Property tax bill or receipt

Proof of ALL Gross Income for All Household Members

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages (Employment)/ Tips/Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces Dependent Allowance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Injuries Compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Income | <input type="checkbox"/> Money/Income from Annuities, IRAs, or other Retirement Accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Payments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Monetary Gifts and Loans, excluding student loans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI/SSDI | <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony or Spousal Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee strike funds where there is no employee contribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dividends | <input type="checkbox"/> Workman's Compensation Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments received by home care providers for adult care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest from Savings or Checking Accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad Retirement Benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest or Dividends received from the redemption of bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate or Trust Fund Income | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Royalties | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Worker's Benefits | | |

• If any adult household member (18 years or older) has not received any income in the last 30 days, a Declaration of Zero Income form must be signed. If no one in your household has received any income in the last 30 days, a Household Worksheet must be completed. Forms may be found at <http://www.dhr.state.md.us/energy> or by calling the number below.

Social Security Number Verification for all Household Members

- Social Security Cards or other Federal government-issued documents with name and SSN

Income Eligibility Limits
Effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
(Based on 175% of the Federal Poverty Level)

Household Size Maximum Gross Monthly Income Standards

1 \$1,861

2 \$2,515

3 \$3,168

4 \$3,821

5 \$4,475

6 \$5,128

7 \$5,781

8 \$6,435

For Each Additional Person \$654

How to Apply:

In response to COVID-19, the OHEP office is closed for in-person visits.

OHEP applications can be completed

- online at mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us.
- Print out an application at dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs.
- Paper applications can be mailed to PO Box 3929 Frederick, MD 21705, faxed to 301-600-2690 or emailed to ohp@cityoffrederickmd.gov.
- A secure document drop-off box is also located outside the interior office door at 420 East Patrick Street.
- Telephonic Interview (for clients with no heating fuel or in threat of electric shut-off only).

You do not need to be in threat of shut off or out of fuel to apply for these programs.

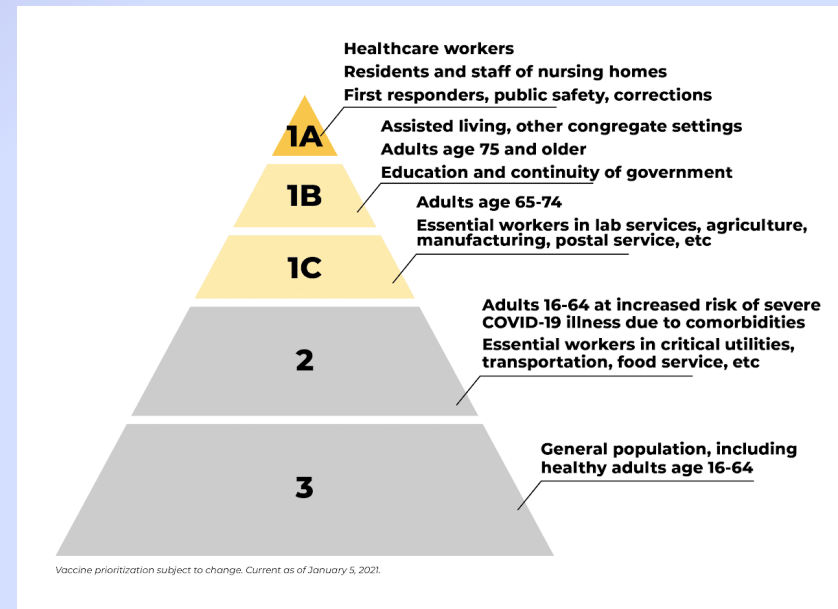
Call 301-600-2410 for questions, to request an application or to conduct a telephonic interview.

Frederick County Health Department



Vaccinations

- 2/1/21: Vaccinating 1A and 1B (75+ only)
- Vaccine Interest Survey (pre-registration) encouraged - Link below
- Phone number for those without internet access or Senior Citizens (301) 600-7900



www.frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine

More information: www.covidlink.Maryland.gov

Wear a mask - Wash your hands -Keep your

United Way

// FREE TAX PREPARATION //

**EARN IT.
KEEP IT.
SAVE IT.**



Location – Bernard W. Brown Community Center
629 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Free Tax Preparation

IRS Certified volunteers are available to
help you get YOUR MONEY back!

**CALL 211 OR 866-411-6803
FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

Tax Season: January 25th - April 16th



QUESTIONS/ANSWER SESSION



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT
THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:
<HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SPANISHSPEAKINGCOMMUNITYFREDERICK/>