

**APPENDIX D**

**EXEMPTIONS FROM**

**WATER PROTECTION SURCHARGES**

**A. *FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING HOMEOWNERS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER***

**ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION FOR  
PURCHASER 65 YEARS OR OVER**

Rules and Regulations for administering the state mandated water protection surcharge exemption for purchaser 65 years of age and over are as follows:

Compliance:

1. Purchaser must be 65 years of age or older on January 1, of current billing year to be considered eligible for water protection surcharge exemption of the current billing year and subsequent billing cycles.
2. Copy of a birth certificate issued by a Municipality, State or Government Vital Certificates Agency, Drivers License with picture (or alternate State issued ID card with picture) and Social Security Card must be shown for proof of age. Passport or any other documents will not be acceptable for proof of age.
3. Properly fill out the age certification form at the offices of Kent County Water Authority.

Duration:

1. Certification of age and exemption shall remain effective until the purchaser transfers title to the property serviced or notifies Kent County Water Authority of status change.
2. Subject to all amendments to RIGL Title 46, Chapter 15.3 and all modifications to the Rules and Procedures as promulgated by Rhode Island Water Resources Board.

Limitations:

1. Exemption allowed for customer/purchaser and other members of the person's household. Purchaser is the owner of record, of the property.
2. Purchase of exempted water must be for personal residential consumption and not for industrial, commercial or any other uses. Kent County Water Authority shall be the sole determiner of classification for consumption status.

3. Water Protection charge exemption shall not be retroactive. Failure to properly fill out the exemption certificate at Kent County Water Authority prior to bill processing will void your exemption for that billing cycle.

Termination:

1. Failure to pay the water protection charge in full will be considered delinquent and subject the property to interruption of service until full payment is received.

***B. FOR COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS***

**ADMINISTERING THE EXEMPTION FOR  
COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS**

Rules and Regulations for administering the exemption for commercial agricultural producers are as follows:

Compliance:

1. Customer must be an agricultural producer and customer of Kent County Water Authority meeting all the requirements set forth.
2. Documentation as to customer's production of at least \$2,500 of commercial agricultural products annually.
3. Water exempt from the protection charge must be solely used to irrigate commercial crops either in fields or greenhouse.
4. A conservation plan is on file with a conservation district. Proof of said approval of plan must be provided at time of exemption issuance.
5. Installation of a meter solely for the purpose of metering water to be used to irrigate commercial crops either in fields or greenhouses in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. Kent County Water Authority shall approve said meter for use solely in the purpose of metering that flow. No other flow will be accepted for exemption.
6. Properly fill out an exemption certificate form for agricultural producers at the offices of the Kent County Water Authority.

Duration:

1. Certification of agricultural users shall remain effective until the agricultural user transfers title to the property serviced or notifies Kent County Water Authority of status change. Kent County Water Authority reserves the right to review status of each user periodically and render decision as to current status.
2. Subject to all amendments to RIGL Title 46, Chapter 15.3 and all modifications to the Rules and Procedures as promulgated by Rhode Island Water Resources Board.

Limitations:

1. Exemption allowed to the customer/purchaser of water for agricultural uses only. Purchaser for agricultural usage is defined by Kent County Water Authority as the owner of record at the Kent County Water Authority.
2. Purchase of exempted water must be for agricultural uses as defined for irrigation of crops either in fields or greenhouses and not for any other uses on the property. Kent County Water Authority shall be the sole determiner of classification for consumption status and as to the uses of irrigation water of both types.
3. Water protection charge exemption shall not be retroactive. Failure to properly fill out an exemption certificate at Kent County Water Authority prior to bill processing will void your exemption for that billing cycle.

Termination:

1. Failure to pay the water protection charge in full will be considered delinquent and subject the property to interruption of service until full payment is received.