

What is the Utility Rate Relief program?

The City Council, by passage of Resolution 1979, is offering a utility discount program for qualified low-income seniors and low-income disabled citizens who receive sanitary sewer, garbage collection, or stormwater utility service from the City. The utility rate relief program is available to utility customers living in individually-metered homes or mobile homes who meet the eligibility requirements outlined below.

Do I qualify for the program?

The basic eligibility criteria as defined in the resolution includes the following definitions:

Low Income Senior Citizen – A person who is sixty-two (62) years of age or older and whose total income does not exceed \$20,350. The utility rate relief income limit for a single person household is \$20,350. For a household with more than one person the income limit is \$23,250.

Low Income Disabled Citizen – (1) A person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1) (a-f); (2) a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020; or (3) a disabled, handicapped or incapacitated person as defined under any other state or federal program, and whose total income does not exceed \$20,350 for a single person, or \$23,250 for more than one person.

“Income” or “Total Income”* - includes all salary, wages, interest, dividends, and other earnings which are reportable for federal income tax purposes, and cash payments such as reimbursements received from pensions, annuities, social security, and public assistance programs. Also included in income are any contributions received from any family member or other person who is living in the same residence as the applicant for reduced utility rates and who is helping defray such applicant’s living costs.

If I qualify for the program, how much of a reduction will I receive?


Customers qualifying for the utility rate relief program shall receive a 50% reduction on the sanitary sewer residential base rate and a 50% reduction on the single family residential rate for garbage/recycling service. In addition, all applicants qualifying for the City’s utility rate relief program shall be exempt from storm water utility charges.

How do I apply for the program?

Residents who wish to apply for the discount program should complete the application included in this brochure, attach the appropriate documentation, and return the form in person to City Hall at 1525 Broadway, or by mail to the Finance Office, Longview City Hall, PO Box 128, Longview, WA 98632. Appropriate documentation for low-income seniors is Form SSA-1099 from the Social Security Administration. Appropriate documentation for low-income disabled residents could be a statement issued by the Social Security Administration stating income as well as disability (SSI, SSDI). Please remember, YOU MUST REAPPLY EVERY YEAR to remain eligible for this reduction.

If I have any additional questions, who should I call?

You may phone the City utility department at 360-442-5058 for further information on this program.

 Application for Reduced Sanitary / Sewer / Stormwater Charges	
Name	Phone
Address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Renter <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled
Number of people living at this address:	
*Are you over 62?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Are you Disabled?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Do you receive public assistance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Do you receive a rental/utility subsidy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Is your rent based on your income?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
*Source of Income for all residing at this address	Monthly Amount

Total Annual Income	
*Indicates that you must attach documentation with this application.	
I certify that the information I have provided is true and accurate. Verification of any of the information contained in the application may be obtained from any source named herein.	
Signature	Date
For City Use Only	
Verified	Date
Account No.	Age
Approved	Income
Code	

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**for
Low-income Seniors
and Low-income
Disabled Residents**



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