



# Low-Income Seniors and / or Permanently Disabled Discount Application

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FOR CITY OF BRENTWOOD STAFF TO COMPLETE

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Approved    Discount Start Date \_\_\_\_\_     Denied

Please mark which discount you are applying for: Senior  Disabled     Signature \_\_\_\_\_    Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility for Discount

1. Applicant must be a resident of the City of Brentwood and, except for legal dependents, must reside at the Utility address;
2. Applicant must be sixty-two (62) years of age or older ~OR~ be permanently and totally disabled;
3. Applicants household gross annual income may not exceed HUD (Housing and Urban Development) guideline for "Very Low Income" for Contra Costa County for fiscal year 2024-2025;

1 or 2	\$54,500 - \$62,300
3	\$70,100
4	\$77,850
5	\$84,100
6	\$90,350
Each Additional	\$6,200

Household income includes money from any of these sources: Wages & Salaries, Interest & Dividends, Unemployment Benefits, Rent or Royalty Income, School grants, Scholarships or School Aid for living expenses, Profit from Self Employment (IRS Form Sch. C, Line 29), Disability Payments, Workers Compensation, Social Security, SSI, SSP, Pensions, Insurance Settlements, Legal Settlements, TANF (AFDC), Food Stamps, Child Support, Spousal Support, Cash and/or Other Income.

## Proof of Age

For seniors, any one of the following documents will be accepted as proof of age:

1. Government issued driver's license
2. Birth certificate
3. Medicare card
4. Social Security Administration document

## Proof of Disability

For disabled residents, any one of the following documents will be accepted as proof of disability:

1. Social Security Administration Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) letter
2. Social Security Administration Supplemental Security Income (SSI) letter

## Proof of Income

Either of the following documents will be accepted as proof of income:

1. California State Income Tax Return – Total household income is the adjusted gross income as indicated on line 17 of the California State Income Tax Return. In the case of husband and wife, it is the amount indicated on their joint return or the sum of amounts indicated on their individual returns.
2. If you are not required to file a California State Income Tax Return, the City will accept evidence of qualified assistance received from government assistance programs such as: CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal or general assistance. If you submit this as proof of income, you must also sign the following:

**I certify that my annual household income is less than indicated in the above table and that I am not required to file a California State Income Tax Return.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address \_\_\_\_\_  Own  Rent Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Total Household Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons in Household \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of proof of age or disability and proof of income must accompany and remain with this application. **Do not send or bring original documents.**

**I certify that the information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to immediately report any change in eligibility. I agree to repay any fee discounts received should I receive them while ineligible.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Low Income Senior and/or Permanent Disability Discount Application

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On September 12, 2023, the Brentwood City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-115, restoring the Low Income Senior and Permanent Disability Discount program for water and/or garbage customers. An application for the discount program may be filed with the City according to the following guidelines:

## Qualifications

1. For a **senior** discount, individuals must be 62 years of age or older and provide proof of age from one of the following documents:

- Government issued driver's license
- Birth Certificate
- Medicare card
- Social Security Administration document

For a **disability** discount, individuals must have been determined to be permanently and totally disabled, and must provide proof from one of the following documents:

- Social Security Administration Disability (SSDI) letter
- Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) letter

2. The water and/or garbage account must be in the applicant's name or their spouse's name. A household with a permanently disabled dependent is also eligible to enroll provided the eligibility requirements are met.

Maximum household income **for 2 individuals** cannot exceed the gross annual income per HUD for "very low income" for Contra Costa County, currently \$62,300 per year. Proof of income is required and acceptability will be determined by the Utility Billing Division.

## Enrollment

Customers may apply at the time of initial service or at any time during the year that they meet these qualifications for the discount program.

## Discount

Water: Eligible customers will receive a fifty percent (50%) discount on their monthly water base meter charge. Garbage: Eligible customers can receive a thirty three percent (33%) discount on a 32-gallon garbage cart (only on the 32 gallon brown cart).

Please refer to the Cost Allocation Plan for the current year for the latest utility rates on the City of Brentwood website under Financial Document – Costs Allocation Plans. (<https://www.brentwoodca.gov/government/finance-information-systems/financial-documents/cost-allocation-plans>)

## Continued Eligibility

The City of Brentwood will require requalification of a household every two years. Additionally, changes in household income must be reported to Utility Billing.