

## More questions?

Please contact your Utility Billing Customer Service Representative at 360-779-3901 for further information on this program.

### FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

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<i>Number of Persons in Household</i>	<i>U.S. Census Dept Threshold</i>	<i>125% of Threshold</i>
1 person under 65 years	\$12,752	\$15,940
2 person under 65	\$16,414	\$20,518



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# Discounted Rates For Citizens with Low Income



### Mission Statement

*Our City is committed to managing the public resources to promote community health, safety and welfare and planning for the future to accommodate growth, without burden, while preserving our natural resources and enhancing those qualities that make our community unique and desirable.*

## What is this program?

The City of Poulsbo offers reduced fees and rates for citizens with low income. Rates for water and sewer utility services are designated in PMC 3.12.100 and 13.70 and gravesites in the City Cemetery in 3.12.040(A).

## Definitions for the program?

- **Senior Citizen** — a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.
- **Disabled Citizen** — (1) a person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.382(1)(a-f); (2) a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18020; or (3) a disabled, handicapped or incapacitated person as defined under any other state or federal program.
- **Low Income** — a Disabled Citizen(s) whose total household annual income does not exceed 125% the U.S. Census Department's poverty threshold as shown on back of this brochure **or** a Senior Citizen whose total household annual income does not exceed \$30,000.
- **Household Income** — Includes all salary, wages, interest, dividends, and other earnings which are reportable for federal income tax purposes, and cash payments such as reimbursement 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 applying for reduced utility rates and who is helping defray such applicant's living costs.
- **City of Poulsbo Citizen** — lives in a residence within the City limits. For a utility discount the residence is also served directly by the utility water and/or sewer facilities, and the applicant pays the water/sewer bill directly to the City of Poulsbo. Eligibility for a tenant to receive this reduced rate requires that the City must bill the tenant directly. This requires that the property owner submit a completed Utility Billing Authorization Application.

## What is the filing period?

The application for the discount rate must be filed with the City of Poulsbo at any time to initiate. To remain eligible for the low income qualification, an applicant must provide verification of eligibility to the City by recertifying annually. Renewal notices will be mailed to current applicants by the City each year. If the applicant moves from the residence or an additional person(s) move into the household, you must notify the City immediately.

## What are the discounted rates?

**Residential Utility Rate** for Low Income Senior Citizen or Low Income Disabled Citizen:

Winter Water rate:	\$10.54 plus \$2.11 per 100 cubic feet (cf)
Winter Sewer rate:	\$24.24 plus \$6.71 per 100 cf after 400 cf
Summer Water rate:	\$10.54 plus \$2.11 per 100 cf up to 1000 cf \$3.29 per 100 cf above 1000 cf
Summer Sewer rate:	\$24.24 plus \$6.71 per 100 cf of the winter consumption after 400 cf
Storm Drain rate:	\$10.51
Garbage rates:	20 gallon \$15.18 32 gallon \$17.45 64 gallon \$29.70

**Cemetery Land Unit Rates** for a Low Income City of Poulsbo Citizen:

Cremains gravesite	\$100.00 (normally \$200.00)
Regular gravesite	\$200.00 (normally \$400.00)

## How to apply for the program:

Citizens who wish to apply for the discount rates should complete the application included in this brochure, attach copies of the appropriate documentation, and return the documents to the City's Finance Department by mail or in person to:

City of Poulsbo  
3rd Floor  
200 NE Moe Street  
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Applications are also available online at [www.cityofpoulsbo.com](http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com)

**If you are not applying in person you must provide a copy of all applicants valid Driver's License or Government Issued ID Card.**

*Applicant will be notified in writing of denial.*