



INCOME-BASED DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The City offers a sliding scale, income-based discounted utility rate to qualifying households. This discount is available to utility customers whose primary residence is serviced by the City of Port Townsend's utility infrastructure. The discount may be applied to City utilities (Water, Sewer, Stormwater) and/or City-mandated Solid Waste services through Olympic Disposal. Garbage discount applies only to customers inside City limits, who are required to have garbage collection.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently resides in and applying for a dwelling unit serviced directly by the City's utility system
- Billed by the City for utilities and/or Billed by Olympic Disposal for solid waste utilities
- Head of household or spouse of head of household
- Meets income qualifications listed in the table below
- Can provide sufficient documentation of all income for all household members

2026 Income Guidelines

Household Size	25% Discount (350% poverty level)		50% Discount (300% poverty level)		75% Discount (200% poverty level)	
	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Annual Income
1	\$4,650	\$55,860	\$3,990	\$47,880	\$2,660	\$31,920
2	\$6,310	\$75,740	\$5,410	\$64,920	\$3,600	\$43,280
3	\$7,960	\$95,620	\$6,830	\$81,960	\$4,550	\$54,640
4	\$9,620	\$115,500	\$8,250	\$99,000	\$5,500	\$66,000
5	\$11,280	\$135,380	\$9,670	\$116,040	\$6,440	\$77,360

Combined gross household income for all applicants must fall within the above income guidelines, based on 2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines ([aspe.hhs.gov](https://www.aspe.hhs.gov).) Sliding-scale 25%, 50% and 75% discount apply to Water, Sewer, and Stormwater base fees, billed by the City of Port Townsend. Garbage discounts through Olympic Disposal are offered at 50% discount only for qualifying applicants within City limits who are required to have garbage collection.

If the account holder is a senior or has proof of disability, the discount is good for 3 years. All other income-qualifying applicants must renew every year.

Deadline: Complete applications received by the 20th of each month will be considered for the month in which they are submitted. We recommend submitting your application as early in the month as possible.

NOTICE ON CHANGE OF STATUS: If anyone in the household experiences a change in income or disability status which might disqualify the discounted rate, you must immediately notify the Utility Department. Failure to do so will result in the City billing you at the full rate starting on the date you became ineligible. Discount customers moving to another residence serviced by City utilities and/or Olympic Disposal must reapply for the discount

For more information, email ptutilities@cityofpt.us or call 360-385-3000