



Low Income Utility Rate Relief Program

Effective July 1, 2005, Oak Lodge Sanitary District has instituted a Low Income Utility Rate Relief Program. This program will allow eligible customers to apply for a discounted rate for their sanitary sewer bill. Approved applicants will receive a fifty-percent reduction in both the base and consumption charges for sanitary sewer service as well as a fifty percent reduction of the established surface water management rate.

Applicants for the program must meet the follow eligibility requirements:

Residence within the District;

Total income of the household or family at or below the “Very Low Income” level for the Portland-Vancouver area, as determined annually by the US Housing and Urban Development Department (2011 allowed income level is \$25,200 for a single person household, \$28,800 for 2 people, \$32,400 for 3 people, \$36,000 for a 4 people, \$38,900 for 5 people, \$41,800 for 6 people, \$44,650 for 7 people, and \$47,550 for an 8-person household).

Proof of income status – Federal 1040 Tax Return from the previous year;

Service account currently in good standing with no outstanding balance; and a Completed application.

Also, the applicant may not own any property other than that associated with the primary residence for which the application is submitted.

Enrollment in the program will end if the applicant can no longer meet one or more of these requirements. **The applicant must reapply annually for continuation in the program.**

In order to be approved for the Low Income Rate Relief Program, the applicant must include the following information on the application:

Applicant Name, Address, Phone Number, and whether you own or rent; and

The appropriate yes or no boxes for the Questions section; and

The Number of persons living in your residence and a list of their Names; and

All applicable fields properly filled in the Income section; and

Signature and date at the bottom of the application.

Note: Make sure to include with the application a copy of the prior year’s tax returns and/or supporting income documentation for all members of the household. Without this information the applicant will not be eligible for enrollment in the program.

Once approved, enrollment in the Low Income Rate Relief Program will last for twelve months. Because it is the applicant’s duty to reapply for the program annually, if the District has not received the necessary paperwork 30 days prior to the expiration of the twelve-month period the rate will revert to the standard charge based on applicable water usage. **The District will not retroactively adjust charges.**