



**TOWN OF BROOKLINE**  
*Massachusetts*  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**Water/Sewer Exemption for Eligible Seniors**

**Are you 65 or older and having trouble paying your water and sewer bill? You may be eligible for rate relief. Please contact the Assessor's Office at 617-730-2060 for information.**

- Modeled after the Clause 17D and 41C Property Tax Exemptions
- Eligible ratepayers will receive a 50% reduction off the Water/ Sewer base rates on their bills.
  - 17D Eligibility Requirements
    - Must be 70 years old
    - Must own and occupy the property for 5 years
    - Whole estate (value of assets), excluding domicile, cannot exceed \$66,857<sup>1</sup>
    - No annual income limitation
    - Surviving spouses and surviving minors are eligible
  - 41C Eligibility Requirements
    - Must be 65 years old
    - Must own and occupy the property for 5 years
    - Must have resided in Massachusetts for at least 10 years
    - If Single:
      - Gross income cannot exceed \$25,805 <sup>2</sup>, excluding SSI allowance
      - Whole estate (value of assets), excluding domicile, cannot exceed \$51,608
    - If Married:
      - Gross income cannot exceed \$38,706 <sup>3</sup>, excluding SSI allowance
      - Whole estate (value of assets), excluding domicile, cannot exceed \$70,962<sup>4</sup>
- To be eligible, must be the named payer on the Water & Sewer Bill for the unit eligible for the tax exemption

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<sup>1</sup> This amount is increased annually by a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) established by the State Department of Revenue. The new amount takes effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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