



TOWN of BROOKLINE

Massachusetts
Department of Public Works

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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 rate payers will receive a 50 % reduction of 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 \$54,095 ¹
 - 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 \$20,879 ², excluding SSI allowance
 - Whole estate (value of assets), excluding domicile, cannot exceed \$41,758
 - If Married:
 - Gross income cannot exceed \$31,319 ³, excluding SSI allowance
 - Whole estate (value of assets), excluding domicile, cannot exceed \$57,417⁴

¹ 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 1st of each year.

² Same as #1

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⁴ Same as #1

- To be eligible, must be the named payer on the Water & Sewer Bill for the unit eligible for the tax exemption