**PROPERTY TAX HELP**

Contact the Fresno County Assessor’s Office for more information.

Phone number: 559-600-3534

Address: 2281 Tulare St, Fresno, CA 93721

Office hours: Monday to Friday from 8AM – 5PM

* **Property Tax Postponement**The program allows homeowners who are seniors, are blind, or have a disability to defer current-year property taxes on their principal residence if they meet certain criteria including 40% equity in the home and an annual household income of $35,500 or less. Applications for 2017-18 will be available in September 2017.
* **Disabled Veteran’s Exemption**The Disabled Veterans’ Exemption reduces the property tax liability for qualified veterans. It is more generous than the homeowner’s exemption. The property may be owned by the veteran, the veteran’s spouse, or the veteran and spouse jointly.
* **Transfer Your Current Property’s Value to Your Children or Grandchildren**If you sell or transfer your home to a child or grandchild, they may be able to continue paying the same tax rate.
* **Continue Paying Your Current Tax Rate if You Sell and Buy a Home of Similar Value**If you are 55 years or older, and sell your home, and buy another of equal or lesser value, you may be able to continue paying your current tax rate and avoid paying higher property taxes.

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**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)- Can Provide one payment per program year for electricity, gas, propane, wood, or oil for eligible households.**

Eligibility

* be a Fresno County resident
* live in a low-income household ([click to view income guidelines](https://csd.ca.gov/Pages/LIHEAP-Income-Eligibility.aspx))
* have a valid social security card
* provide current income verification (pay stubs for the previous 6 weeks)
* present ID such as a driver’s license, California ID, and/or valid US identification
* provide all pages of current energy bill / 48-hour notice / shut off or provide a current receipt of wood, propane, home heating oil, or gas
* other documents not listed might be required

**Mail the application to P.O Box 11906, Fresno, CA 93775**

**Medical Baseline Program-** The Medical Baseline Program, also known as Medical Baseline Allowance, is an assistance program for residential customers who depend on power for certain medical needs. (Link for application)

**LEGAL SERVICES**

* [**Central California Legal Services, Inc**](http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/california_free_legal_assistan.html). (559) 570-1200
* a non-profit law firm that provides free legal advice to older adults and low-income individuals. Some of the services offered include advice on utility service disconnections, health care access, illegal workplace terminations, elder abuse prevention, tenant/landlord disputes, free legal foreclosure assistance, education law, consumer debts and taxpayer assistance.

**Senior Discount Program**

* Residents who are 62 years or older could save 14% for solid waste charges and 10% on sewer/wastewater charges.
* To get the discount, senior citizens will need to submit the application form to P.O. Box 2069 Fresno CA 93718-2069, or hand delivered to the Utilities Billing & Collection Section at 2600 Fresno Street, Room 1098, Fresno, CA 93721-3609.

*\*\*\*To better serve our customers who are financially impacted by the COVID-19 emergency, the City of Fresno has suspended water shut offs for non-payment of utility bills. Once the City announces its return to normal business and the Shelter-in-Place order is lifted, customers should contact Utility, Billing and Collections staff at*[*(559) 621-6888*](tel:5596216888)*to discuss payment plan options for delinquent balances on their utility account.*