



CITY OF MELROSE

MELROSE CITY HALL
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2024-2025 Application for Senior Citizen Low Income (50% or 100%) Trash Discount

The City of Melrose Revised Ordinances (January 2016 Chapter 198-3 section 3) provides for a discount on the quarterly trash fee for certain qualifying property owners. Such discount will be granted upon application by Senior Citizen (65 years or older) who occupy their properties and meet certain income guidelines.

To be eligible for the 50% or 100% discount on trash charge you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be 65 years of age or older on the day you apply
- Occupy the property as your principal place of residence

1) PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IF 65 OR OLDER:

- Owner/Occupant is single with gross income (not total taxable) of **\$65,870** or less for 50% discount
- Owner/Occupant is married with gross income (not total taxable) of **\$75,280** or less for 50% discount
- Owner/Occupant is single with gross income (not total taxable) of **\$35,000** or less for 100% discount
- Owner/Occupant is married with gross income (not total taxable) of **\$40,000** or less for 100% discount

2) Did you qualify for the 41c Senior Exemption for real estate tax relief? (circle one) Yes No

**** If yes to question 2, you may skip step 3.**

3) You must provide the following documentation with your application:

- Proof of age** - copy of applicant's State ID or Federal ID showing Date of Birth (State ID, driver's license, passport, or birth certificate)
- Proof of ownership** – copy of deed or property tax bill in the applicant's name
- Proof of residency** – copy of electric bill, gas bill, or phone/cable for the property in applicant's name(not water bill)
- Copy of 2023 federal income tax return (Form 1040)**, plus any additional schedules filed) reflecting all sources of income: social security benefits, pension/retirement income, dividends/earnings from stocks/bonds/CDS, and any wage earnings.
- If no 2023 tax return filed, then 2023 annual income statement from social security and 2023 annual statement of income from pension/retirement and December 2023 year end bank statements for both checking and savings accounts showing interest income.

Applications may be submitted annually at the Melrose Water Division. Once approved, the trash discount will be applied to your next quarterly/monthly bill and stay effective until December 2025. To continue receiving this discount you will need to re-apply between May 1, 2025-October 15, 2025 with your 2024 tax documents to be eligible for the year 2026.

Owner/Occupant Name(s): _____	
Property Address: _____	
Date of Birth: _____	Phone Number: _____
# of occupants living at the location _____	
This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this return and all accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and complete.	
_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date

If you need assistance with this application, please call Lisa Patterson at 781-979-4175 or Jenn Rosa at 781-979-4172. You can also email waterbills@cityofmelrose.org Please return the completed application and supporting documentation to Melrose Water Division, 562 Main St, Melrose, MA 02176

Date Received: _____	Discount Approved (circle one): NONE 50% 100%
Date Approved: _____	Authorized Signature: _____