

An electric bill discount is available to you if you have a financial hardship status on your electric account. Based on your household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, you may be eligible for a 10% or 50% discount off your electric bill per month. For example, if you have a \$100 monthly bill, it would be \$10 less if you receive a 10% discount or \$50 less if you receive the 50% discount.

Your discount will depend on your annual household income for all adults over 18 or receipt of a public assistance benefit for at least one household member. We encourage you to see if you qualify for the 50% discount.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

You must apply for or verify the financial hardship status on your electric account. This will prevent service shut-off and ensure that you get a discount. This verification is required annually.

### To qualify for the 10% Discount Rate, you must

- Verify your financial hardship status, and
- Verify that your annual household income for all adults over 18 is at or below 60% of the State Median Income or at least one person in your household must show receipt of a public assistance benefit (see public assistance benefit qualifiers for 10% discount).

#### 2023 – 2024 FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES

How much money can you make to be at or below 60% of the state median?

FAMILY SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
INCOME LEVEL UP TO	\$41,553	\$54,338	\$67,124	\$79,910	\$92,695	\$105,481	\$107,878	\$110,275

### Public Assistance Benefit Qualifiers for 10% Discount:

- Medicaid or HUSKY Access Health, HUSKY B
- State HUSKY B
- Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)
- Section 8 Housing, Rental Assistance Program
- Medicare Savings Program (MSP)
- Additional Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (ALMB)
- Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)

### To qualify for the 50% Discount Rate, you must

- Verify your financial hardship status, and
- Verify that your annual household income for all adults over 18 is at or below 160% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or at least one person in your household must show receipt of a public assistance benefit (see public assistance benefit qualifiers for 50% discount).

**2023-2024 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES (FPG)**  
**How much can you make to be at or below 160% of the FPG?**

<b>FAMILY SIZE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>INCOME LEVEL UP TO</b>	<b>\$23,328</b>	<b>\$31,552</b>	<b>\$39,776</b>	<b>\$48,000</b>	<b>\$56,224</b>	<b>\$64,448</b>	<b>\$72,672</b>	<b>\$80,896</b>

**Public Assistance Benefit Qualifiers for 50% Discount:**

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/Temporary Family Assistance (TFA)
- State Administered General Assistance (SAGA)
- Department of Social Services State Cash Assistance, State Supplement
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid or Access Health; HUSKY A, C, D or State HUSKY A
- Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Medical Assistance
- Connecticut free or reduced lunch program
- Head Start
- Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)
  - Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB)

**HOW TO VERIFY YOUR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP STATUS:**

**Provide Proof of Income If You Don't Receive a Public Assistance Benefit:**

The following income verification documents for household members over 18 are accepted:

- Unemployment benefit letter or most recent bank statement
- Employment (last four weekly pay stubs, last two bi-weekly paystubs, last monthly paystub)
- Self-employment (most recent year 1099 Tax Form)
- Social Security benefit letter
- Child support, pension, retirement, or other benefit letter or most recent bank statement showing direct deposit

**Submit Your Proof of Benefits or Income:**

You must confirm receipt of a public assistance benefit for at least one person in your household or proof of income for all adults over 18 years. You may submit your documents securely in several ways:

- Contact your local Community Action Agency. Visit [211ct.org](http://211ct.org) or call 211. Your local agency can also help you apply for other assistance, including the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).
- Log on to your account on [eversource.com](http://eversource.com) and select Upload Documents from the menu on the bottom of the page to securely submit your documents.
- Send them via U.S.P.S. mail at Eversource, Attn: Credit Dept., P.O. Box 270, Hartford, CT 06141.
- Submit your documents via fax at 866-438-6476.
- Call us at 800-286-2828.

**We're Here to Help**

Visit [eversource.com/billhelp](http://eversource.com/billhelp) for more information on the electric discount and to see if you qualify.