

EXEMPTIONS, DISCOUNTS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

There are a number of tax exemptions, discounts, and service programs available to Seniors and Low-Income residents. The City has compiled a listing of current programs available, including how to obtain applications and who to contact for additional information.

Tax Exemptions

Program Title	Description	Eligibility	Applications	Contact
Albany Unified School District's Parcel Tax(es) J & LL Senior exemption	\$869 for tax year 2015-2016. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2015 for the following tax year. Does not need to reapply every year.	Any resident 65 years of age or older who owns and occupies a parcel	Available Jan 1 on District website at www.ausdk12.org , at Albany Library and Albany Senior Center Submit to: AUSD Att: Measure J & LL Exemption Application, 1051 Monroe St., Albany, CA 94706	Angela Pagtalonía, SCI Consulting Group Angela.pagtalonía@sci-cg.com Janet Fohner, AUSD jfohner@ausdk12.org
Albany Unified School District's Parcel Tax(es) J - low income exemption other than senior	\$591 for tax year 2015-2016. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2015 for the following tax year. Needs to reapply every year.	Parcel owned and occupied by a person or persons whose combined family income is at or below the income level qualifying as low income or very low income under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. Any tenant who is a tenant in a rental unit not exempt from the education parcel tax and whose combined family income is at or below the income level	Available Jan 1 on District website at www.ausdk12.org , at Albany Library and Albany Senior Center Submit to: AUSD Att: Measure J & LL Exemption Application, 1051 Monroe St., Albany, CA 94706	Angela Pagtalonía, SCI Consulting Group Angela.pagtalonía@sci-cg.com Janet Fohner, AUSD jfohner@ausdk12.org

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Albany Unified School District's Parcel Tax(es) LL - low income exemption other than senior	\$278 per year Deadline to apply is May 31, 2015 for the following tax year. Needs to reapply every year.	Any parcel owned and occupied by a person receiving Supplemental Security Income for a disability, regardless of age. Any parcel owned and occupied by a person receiving Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, regardless of age whose yearly income does not exceed 250 % of the 2012 federal poverty guidelines issued by the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services.	Available Jan 1 on District website at www.ausdk12.org , at Albany Library and Albany Senior Center Submit to: AUSD Att: Measure J & LL Exemption Application, 1051 Monroe St., Albany, CA 94706	Angela Pagtalonio, SCI Consulting Group Angela.pagtalonio@sci-cg.com Janet Fohner, AUSD jfohner@ausdk12.org
City of Albany Parcel Tax Exemption (Measures N, G, F)	Rates vary yearly. Max rate FY 15-16-Library Services Act of 1994, Measure N : \$72.07 Supplemental Library Services Act of 2006, Measure G: 29.83 Albany Street Paving and storm drain facility improvement, Measure F, 2006: \$119.34 Deadline to apply June 1 of each year for the fiscal year beginning. Needs to apply every year.	Homeowners residing in Albany whose combined family income qualify as very low income as defined by HUD. Renters are eligible to apply for the Library Service Tax Exemption only.	Available in April on city website at www.albanyca.org , at Albany Library and Albany Senior Center Submit to: NBS Att: City of Albany Parcel Tax Exemption 32605 Temecula Parkway, Suite 100 Temecula, CA 92592	NBS (800) 676-7516 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=157

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Discounts

Program Title	Description	Eligibility	Applications	Contact
Garbage Collection Discount	WMAC and the City of Albany offers a 20% senior monthly discount on garbage bill 10 gallon micro can is available for residents generating very little trash	Seniors who own and occupy their residence and are at least 62 years of age Residents producing very little trash	Available year round at Albany Senior Center and on City website Submit to: Waste Management of Alameda County Customer Service Center, 172 98 th Avenue Oakland, CA 94603-1004	WM (510) 613-8710 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=134
Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Assist qualified low-income households with energy costs.	Priority assistance to Households with seniors, disabled persons and households with children 5 and under—150% of the poverty level as maximum income level based on U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services	Available year round at Albany Senior Center Submit to: Spectrum Community Services HEAP Program P.O. Box 4317 Hayward, CA 94540 Application available at Albany Senior Center	Spectrum Community Services (510) 881-0300, ext: 216, 214, 225 or 227 (510)889-0921 http://www.spectrumcs.org/
PG&E CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) Program	Assist qualified low-income households with energy costs-monthly discount Recertification every two years or four years if on fixed income	Residential single-family customers. Based on total income of everyone living in the home or participation in qualifying public	Available year round Submit online or via mail to: PG&E CARE Program P.O. Box 7979 San Francisco, CA	Contact: 1-866-743-2273 Email: careandfera@pge.com http://www.pge.com/en/myhome/customerservice/financialassistance/care/singlefamily/index.page

		assistance (income guideline on application and website)	94120-7979 Fax: (415) 973-6419	
Lifeline Federal Communications Commission	Affordable telephone service for income eligible subscribers. Provides discount on monthly telephone service	Income that is at or below 135% of federal poverty guidelines or participation in one of the eligible assistance programs	Call contracted agency in your area	Lifeline support http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/CompanyListing.aspx?state=CA&stateName=California
Internet essentials from Comcast	\$9.95 internet service and low-cost computer	Have at least 1 child eligible to participate in the National School Lunch program, no subscription to Comcast in the last 90 days, no outstanding Comcast debt under 1 year old	Apply online or call 1-855-8-internet	1-855-8-internet http://www.internetessentials.com/how-it-works
EBMUD Customer Assistance Program (CAP)	For single-family dwellings 50% of standard bimonthly service charge and 50% of home water use up to a max of 1,050 gallons per person per month 35% discount on EBMUD wastewater service charge and flow charges	Low income households. Income requirements stated on website. Must be primary residence of applicant.	Apply online pick up in person at 375 – 11 th Street, Oakland request application mailed	1-866 403-2683 https://www.ebmud.com/node/545

Programs and Services

Program Title	Description	Eligibility	Applications	Contact
Mercy Brown Bag	Provides grocery bags	Seniors 60+ on fixed	Available and submit at	Sponsored by Mercy Retirement and Care

	of nutritious food on the 1 st & 3 rd Friday of each month	income Monthly income under \$1,354 for one person and under \$2,192 for 2 or more 1 membership per household	Albany Senior Center Voluntary contribution of \$10 per year is requested. No one is turned away if unable to contribute	Center Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
AARP Tax Preparation	Free volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service between February – April 15. Appointments available Thursday afternoon.	Focus on low income adults 50+, but no one is turned away.	Appointments available Thursday afternoon starting in February through April 15	Call Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
Tri City Café Congregate Meal Program	Provides dinner M-F at 4pm. Suggested donation: \$4, no one turned away if unable to contribute	Seniors 60+	Must fill out registration form at 1 st visit	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
Meals on Wheels	Meals delivered 4 days per week to homebound seniors. Suggested donation: \$4, no one turned away if unable to contribute	Seniors 60+	Registration and in-home assessment before starting the program	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
Taxi Subsidy program	Provides a subsidy on taxi rides	Albany residents 80 years + and people with disabilities, unable to use public transportation 18+	Registration form available and submit to Albany Senior Center	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212
East Bay Paratransit	Main provider of Paratransit services	anyone who cannot drive or use public transportation due to a disability	In person interview	Call (510) 287-5000 for an appointment and get application http://www.eastbayparatransit.org/
Over 60 Health Clinic	Nurse provides free foot care, blood pressure checks, medication review 2 nd Monday every other month	Seniors 60+	First come first serve – no application	Albany Senior Center (510) 524-9122 http://www.albanyca.org/index.aspx?page=212

2-1-1	Links to a full range of health, housing and human services	Anyone in need	none	Eden I & R 2-1-1 http://www.edenir.org/
Housing Rehabilitation	Offers grants and low interest loans for emergency repairs of plumbing, carpentry, electrical, railings, grab bars, toilets, water heater, furnaces, doors, locks and more. Accessibility grants, curb appeal paint grants, low interest rehab loans for major repairs	Must own home, low income up to 80% of AMI as determined by HUD	Application available by calling Healthy Homes	AC Community Development Healthy Homes Dept. (510) 670-5399 http://www.achhd.org/programs/housing-rehab/index.htm
ECHO Housing	Fair Housing Services: counseling, investigation, mediation, enforcement, and education	Albany residents		Oakland office (510) 496—0496 or 855-ask-echo toll free http://www.echofairhousing.org/
Albany Curbside Garbage, Recycling and Organics Program- Exemption from Curbside Placement	Exemption to curbside service – cart will be serviced from location as designated by resident	Residents with ongoing physical disability that prevents them to wheel a cart curbside	Available on City website Submit to: Waste Management of Alameda County- Albany Curbside Exemption Customer Service Center, 172 98 th Avenue Oakland, CA 94603-1004	WM: (510) 613-8710 http://www.albanymca.org/index.aspx?page=134
Weatherization	Provides free conservation measures (including energy-efficient appliances and weather-stripping) and education	Live in Alameda County, Priority assistance to Households with seniors, disabled persons and households with children 5 and under– 150% of the	Available year round at Albany Senior Center Submit to: Spectrum Community Services HEAP/Weatherization Program P.O. Box 4317	Spectrum Community Services (510) 881-0300 x 272 http://www.spectrumcs.org/

		poverty level as maximum income level based on U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services	Hayward, CA 94540	
CalFresh	Food assistance	Low income individuals and families	Available on website	https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/
Covered California	Affordable health insurance		Available on website	http://www.coveredca.com/
Medi-Cal	Free or low-cost health coverage	Low income adults, families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, children in foster care and former foster youth up to age 26, and pregnant women	Apply online, over the phone or local county office	http://www.coveredca.com/ (800) 300-1506 Social Services Agency 8477 Enterprise Way, Oakland, CA 94621 (888) 999-4772
CalWORKS – California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids	Cash aid program to meet basic needs. Also provides education, employment, and training programs	There must be a child (under age 18 or 19) in the home who is deprived of parental support and care because one or both parents are deceased, disabled, unemployed or continuously absent. See website for more details.	Available on website	https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/
My Benefits CalWIN	Website to learn about and apply for medical, food and cash assistance programs	Low income individuals and families	Available on website	https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org/