



# What is LIHWAP?

**LIHWAP** stands for the **Low Income Household Water Assistance Program**.

**LIHWAP** offers a **one-time payment** to help you pay your **water or wastewater bills**.

**LIHWAP** can help you if you're **past due** on your water bill or even if you're **current** on payments.

**LIHWAP** helps pay bills accrued **anytime**. There are no date restrictions.

## How Do I Apply?

Households can apply for **LIHWAP** assistance through a local **LIHWAP** service provider. Eligibility for **LIHWAP** services can vary depending on income, water system participation, place of residence, and other factors. Households whose utility payments are included in their rent may also be eligible for **LIHWAP**. Recipients of **CalFresh**, **CalWORKs**, and **LIHEAP** are automatically income-qualified for **LIHWAP** assistance. Contact your local **LIHWAP** service provider to learn more about how to apply by visiting [csd.ca.gov/waterbill](https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill).

## What Can I Qualify For?

**LIHWAP** provides one-time payments to low-income households that are eligible for assistance. The size of a benefit will vary depending on the household's residential water and wastewater bills. In addition, program participation is limited to households receiving services from water and wastewater providers enrolled in **LIHWAP** to receive the payment of assistance benefits. **Households that qualify for LIHWAP could reduce their water or wastewater charges by hundreds, or even thousands of dollars depending on their bill.**

If you are struggling to afford your water or wastewater bills, please visit [csd.ca.gov/waterbill](https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill) to see if you qualify for payment assistance through **LIHWAP** and to find the local service provider near you to apply.