



Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority

APPLICATION FOR LOW INCOME DISCOUNT

Torrance County Ordinance No. 94-12, the Solid Waste Ordinance, finds it necessary to assess a fee to pay for solid waste collection and disposal (the Solid Waste Fee). In accordance with the Ordinance, payment of the Solid Waste Fee shall be the obligation of the responsible party for each residence located in the unincorporated area of Torrance County.

The fee is set by the County Commission and established through resolution by the County Commission. Resolution 2017-051 establishes a base rate of \$19.21 plus tax per month per billable account. The resolution also allows for a 50% discount for a responsible party that qualifies for certain public assistance programs. The responsible party must use this application and demonstrate their qualification to the Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority (EVSWA) every 12 months. Failure to apply, renew, and/or qualify for the discount will result in the account being billed at the base rate of \$19.21 plus tax per month. Discounts will not be enacted retroactively.

EVSWA will annually mail a re-verification notice to each customer in this category. If the required documentation is not provided, the account will revert to regular billing.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

EVSWA Account # _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Mailing Address _____

DOCUMENTATION

Documentation must be presented to EVSWA for review and approval and will not be retained by EVSWA. If application is made in person, documentation will, through the choice of the applicant, be returned to the applicant or immediately destroyed. If application is made by mail, it will be reviewed and then immediately destroyed. Documentation must show proof of eligibility of one or more of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP), General Assistance (GA) or Medicaid.

Documentation Provided?

(Circle Yes or No) Yes No EVSWA Reviewer Signature _____

APPLICANT STATEMENT:

I, _____, hereby declare that the above information is true and correct. I have read the low-income qualifications, and my (our) income makes me eligible for the low-income fee reduction. Should my income status change, I will notify EVSWA within two (2) weeks. I will also notify EVSWA of any change in my mailing address.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed, sworn and acknowledged to before me this day, _____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Application Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Application Not Approved By _____
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November 16, 2017

Dear Torrance County Resident,

It has come to the attention of the Torrance County Commissioners that clarification is required in order to accurately administer the Solid Waste Low Income Discount. **The governing body of Torrance County has not approved of any type of fee changes and there are no charge increases of any kind.** The only change being made is to clarify what actually qualifies as a Public Assistance Program as set forth under Sections 27-2-3 and 27-2-4 NMSA 1978.

The Torrance County Commissioners have approved Resolution 2017-051. The new Resolution will supersede Resolution 2016-18A and provides more accurate guidance on the administration of the low income discount. Proper administration of the applicable discounts will be carried out by the Torrance County contractor, Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority (EVSWA), beginning January 1, 2018.

Any individual who is currently receiving the low income or senior discount will need to reapply with EVSWA and show proof of qualifying for a public assistance programs. The following are public assistance programs as set forth in Sections 27-2-3 and 27-2-4 NMSA 1978: *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP), General Assistance (GA) or Medicaid.*

An annual renewal will be required for anyone who receives the discount under the new guidelines outlined in Resolution 2017-051. For your convenience an application is enclosed for you to complete and return to the EVSWA located at 515 Allen Street in Estancia or mail to PO Box 736, Estancia, NM 87016. If you choose to apply at the EVSWA office, a Notary Public is available at no extra charge.

Please Note: The enclosed billing statement is at the regular residential fee of \$60.50 per quarter, which includes tax. Upon receipt of the enclosed application and proper verification the account will revert back to the Low Income Status. If the application is not received the full amount will be due upon the date stated on the bill.

For your reference the changes to the resolution are below in italics. If you have further questions in regards to this information you are welcome to contact the EVSWA at 505-384-4270.

Sincerely,



Belinda Garland

Torrance County Manager

Part one of Resolution 2016-18A read: Any responsible party, as herein defined, may make application to the Solid Waste Authority, on forms approved by said Authority, for a reduced monthly fee as set out above, and by furnishing to the Authority with said application proof that the responsible party is *(1) over the age of 65 years and qualifies for public assistance; (2)an individual that qualifies for public assistance according to the standard of need as set forth in Sections 27-2-3 and 27-2-4 NMSA 1978, as they currently exist or may hereafter be amended.* Upon approval of the application, the solid waste management fee for any such responsible person shall be 50% (Fifty Per Cent) of the established solid waste management fee.

Part one of Resolution 2017-051 reads: Any responsible party, as herein defined, may make application to the Solid Waste Authority, on forms approved by said Authority, for a reduced monthly fee as set out above, and by furnishing to the Authority with said application proof that the responsible party is *an individual that qualifies for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP), General Assistance (GA) or Medicaid according to the standard of need as set forth in Sections 27-2-3 and 27-2-4 NMSA 1978, as they currently exist or may hereafter be amended.* Upon approval of the application, the solid waste management fee for any such responsible person shall be 50% (Fifty Per Cent) of the established solid waste management fee.