What is the Lifeline Utility Rate Relief Program?
The City of Black Diamond offers utility rate reductions of up to 50% for water, sewer and stormwater charges for qualifying residents.

Do I qualify?

- Applicants must be the head of household at the qualifying residence, and

- Applicants must be a Black Diamond resident and responsible for paying water, sewer and/or stormwater services from the City of Black Diamond, and

- Applicant must be low-income and at least 62 years of age or older, or low-income and permanently and totally disabled, and

- Total household income shall not exceed the limits as set annually by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (income limit table inside)

- Or, if a low-income household includes a home kidney dialysis patient, a water only rate discount is available.

You may qualify for discounted utility rates!
Annual gross income is the income of yourself, your spouse, and that of any other tenants living in the home. Some examples of annual gross income include:

- Wages, salaries, and tips
- Interest and dividends
- IRA (individual retirement account) withdrawals
- Social Security benefits
- Business income
- Pension and annuity receipts
- Governmental assistance

**Official HUD Guidelines January 2014**

Citizens who wish to apply for the Lifeline discount program should complete the application in this brochure, attach the appropriate documentation and return the form in person, fax or by mail to the Finance Office at Black Diamond City Hall. **For those that are already on the program, a new application is needed each year by the May 31st due date.**

Documentation includes a copy of a driver’s license or birth certificate for proof of age; a copy of the most recent tax return, social security annual statement, or annual retirement statement for proof of income; a copy of disability payments from SSI (Supplemental Security Income) or SSDA (Social Security Disability Act income) and a signed and dated copy of a physician’s statement and contact information for disability requests and for kidney dialysis patients. All documentation is subject to City of Black Diamond verification.

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If I have additional questions whom should I call?
Black Diamond Utility Billing
360-886-5700

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