



Rosamond Community Services District

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Help for Low Income Households

The federal Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides financial assistance to low income Californians to help manage their residential water utility costs. Established by Congress in December 2020, this federally funded program helps low income households pay down their past-due or current residential water or wastewater bills.

Many low income households across the state are already income-qualified to receive help paying past-due or current water and sewer bills through LIHWAP.

You are eligible for LIHWAP assistance if your total household gross income is at or below 60% of the State Median Income (see table below). Households with a CalFresh, CalWORKs, or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) recipient are already income-qualified for LIHWAP. You can learn more and apply to participate in LIHWAP by calling 661-824-4118,

searching "lihwap kern county" on the internet, or visiting energy.capk.org/water-utility-assistance

Households with past-due water and sewer bills that do not qualify for LIHWAP can still reach out to the RCSD customer service team to explore other options to get their account back into good standing. Reach out today by emailing customerservice@rosamondcsd.com or calling 661-256-3411 during regular office hours.

LIHWAP is a one-time program subject to limited fund availability. The program was designed to help with post-COVID economic recovery and is not associated with or administered by RCSD.

Blood Drives are Back

RCSD is legally limited in what services we provide to our community. Our authority is limited to water, sewer, graffiti abatement, and collecting money for streetlights. We've heard community members ask for more community services and have been hard at work finding ways to provide them while operating within the very narrow limits put on us by the state and county.

One way we are doing this is by inviting non-profit organizations to use RCSD facilities, when appropriate. Recently the Board of Directors approved new policies and procedures to help streamline this effort. Non-profit organizations like the East Kern Economic Alliance, which advocates for investment in East Kern communities, are already taking advantage of these new policies.

| Persons In Household | Monthly Income |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | \$2,700.17 |
| 2 | \$3,531.00 |
| 3 | \$4,361.83 |
| 4 | \$5,192.75 |
| 5 | \$6,023.59 |
| 6 | \$6,854.43 |
| 7 | \$7,010.21 |
| 8 | \$7,166.00 |
| 9 | \$7,321.78 |
| 10* | \$7,477.56 |



Rosamond Community Services District Public Blood Drive

Rosamond behind the Library
3179 35th Street W
Rosamond, CA 93560

**Thursday, August 3, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

We are excited to announce that the Red Cross is once again partnering with our team to host a community blood drive. The blood drive will be held at the RCSD offices at 3179 35th Street West, on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023, from noon to 6pm.

**Red Cross Blood Drive
RCSD Offices - 3179 35th Street West
Thursday, August 3rd, 2023
Noon to 6pm**

Are you ready to help save some lives? Make an appointment to donate today by visiting redcross.org/give-blood and searching for our zip code, 93560. In addition to doing good for our community and helping to save lives, all donors will get a \$10 Movie Gift Card and have a chance to win a 3-night trip to Long Island NY + \$1000 Gift Card.

Kern Cooling Centers

In partnership with PG&E, Kern County will again operate a cooling center in Rosamond at Hummel Hall whenever the National Weather Service forecasts temperatures

of 108 degrees or higher. When open, the cooling center will be available from 1 pm to 8 pm. Residents using the Cooling Centers are encouraged to bring their favorite non-alcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc., to enjoy the Centers better.

To check if the cooling center will be open, visit <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/aging-adult-services/services/cooling-centers> or call 800-510-2020. If you need a ride to the cooling center, call 211.

Turn That Green Lawn into Green Dollars

The Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District continues paying eligible applicants cash for removing their high-water use lawns in both their front and back yards. This program pays \$1 per square foot of living lawn removed. It also offers landscape design assistance and even free plants. The program is limited, with payouts made on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible applicants, so don't wait! To learn more and apply for the rebate, visit avrcd.org.

Help Your Hose

Your hose can be a big source of water waste, especially during summer. It's also one of the easiest to fix. Start by making sure you only use your hose with a nozzle that automatically turns off when you're not touching it, like a spray gun. This helps ensure that the water only flows when and where you want it to go. You can also usually fix leaky connections on your hose by replacing the rubber washers inside them. These rubber washers are widely available at hardware stores.

