

Utility Tax Refunds for 2015

An ordinance was passed by the Lake Saint Louis Board of Aldermen to establish a program of utility tax refunds for the residents of the City. Eligible residents considered by Social Security to be totally disabled with a limited income or senior citizens with a limited income can apply for a refund of their 2014 utility taxes at City Hall from April 1 through May 31, 2016.

To apply, bring proof of residency, income, age and/or disability, and your electric and gas bills from 2014 to City Hall. Eligibility requirements include: Lake Saint Louis residency (owning or renting a residence in Lake Saint Louis); at least 65 years of age during the course of the year or considered totally disabled by Social Security; annual gross income, including Social Security, less than or equal to three (3) times the most recently available poverty threshold, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau Housing and Household Economic and Statistics Division.

Utility Tax Rebate FAQs

1. Who is eligible to receive the rebate?

Individuals need to meet four requirements to apply:

1. Resident of Lake Saint Louis during calendar year 2015 (having a Lake Saint Louis address that is within the city limits of Lake Saint Louis).
2. One person in the household must be must be over the age of 65 or have turned 65 during calendar year 2015

OR

One person in the household must be considered totally disabled and received Social Security disability compensation during calendar year 2015

3. The applicant must have paid for electric or gas service for a residence within Lake Saint Louis city limits during calendar year 2015.
4. The applicant must earn less than the following established income limits***:

Persons in Household	Income Limit
1 – under 65 yrs	\$36,993
1 – 65 yrs & over	\$34,101
2 - under 65 yrs	\$47,613

2 – at least one 65 yrs & over	\$42,978
3	\$56,714
4	\$73,088
5	\$86,716
6	\$98,357
7	\$111,783
8	\$124,854
9 or more people	\$149,943

***These limits are 3 times the U.S. Census Bureau Poverty Thresholds currently available and may change before the application period begins.

2. Where can I find those income limits?

The limits can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/data/threshld/>

3. Which Persons in Household column should I use?

Persons in Household will be determined according to number of exemptions claimed on the 2015 tax return provided.

4. What income amount will be compared to the Income Limit column above?

Income will be determined from TOTAL INCOME on your 2015 tax return PLUS nontaxable interest, dividends, IRA distributions, pensions and annuities and social security benefits.

5. What payments are eligible for the rebate?

Payments for electric or gas service for a residence located in the city limits of Lake Saint Louis occupied by the applicant defined above are eligible for rebate. Twelve consecutive monthly bills may be used, but each bill must contain some period during 2015.

The portion of the bill that will be rebated is the City Utility Tax.

6. What is the application period?

The resident may make an application for refund between April 1, 2016 and May 31, 2016.

7. What is the application process?

The resident may apply at the City of Lake Saint Louis Finance Department located in City Hall at 200 Civic Center Drive between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The refund application form will be available at the Finance Department as well as on the City website – www.lakesaintlouis.com

8. What should I bring to apply?

You should bring the following:

- 12 consecutive electric and/or gas bills, each containing some period during 2015
- Proof of residency (electric/gas bills addressed to you at a Lake Saint Louis address within city limits are adequate)
- Proof of Income (2015 Income Tax Return)
- Proof of Age if not totally disabled (drivers license or state ID)
- Proof of Disability (documentation that you are receiving social security payments for total permanent disability)

9. What do I have to do now?

If you think you might be eligible, you should keep copies of any electric and/or gas bill for which the billing period includes some part of 2015. **The city will not issue a refund without bill copies. The city also cannot be responsible for obtaining bill copies for an applicant.**

10. I have more questions, how can I get additional information?

You can contact City Hall between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM at 636-625-1200.