

Budget Billing Application

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Budget Billing does NOT reduce the amount customers pay for utilities. Rather, it spreads the payments out more evenly over a 12-month period to spare you from unpredictable bills that result from seasonal usage variations. The *free service* is available to all City of Winner **Residential Accounts**. Qualifying customers may sign up for Budget Billing by completing the application below, providing you meet the eligibility requirements and accept the terms and conditions.

Utility Account Number

Customer Name

Service Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

E-mail Address

☐ Please enroll me in Auto Pay, to be paid on the 10th or after of each month.

*Attach a voided check or savings withdrawal form here.
(For Auto Pay only.)*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Plan Year beginning _____ Budget Amount _____ Other _____

Discontinue Budget Billing Plan effective _____

Comments:



Eligibility Requirements, Terms and Conditions:

- There is no charge to you to participate in the Budget Billing Program.
- This service is offered at the discretion of the City of Winner to customers who meet these terms and conditions.
- You must have and maintain a current balance on your utility account to be eligible for Budget Billing.
- You must be in good standing with the City, which is defined as having no more than 6 late fees incurred in the previous 12 months and no disconnection of service due to non-payment at any time during the duration of your account.
- You must have resided at your property address for a minimum of 36 months.
- Your budget amount applies to all services on your utility bill and is based on an average of your actual monthly bills for the previous 36 months.
- The City of Winner reserves the right to increase or decrease your Budget Billing amount at any time for any reason; for example, to reflect changes in utility costs or usage, under-calculated amounts, or other circumstances that cause your budget amount to vary *significantly* from the amount calculated at the beginning of the plan year. You will be notified if the budget amount will be changed.
- Once enrolled, you will remain on the plan as long as you continue to meet all the eligibility requirements, terms and conditions or you notify us to cancel this service. The budget billing year runs from January to December. Your new budget amount will be an average based on your actual monthly bills from the previous 36 months. Any deficit or credit will be considered in the recalculation for the following budget year.
- You must adhere to your established payment schedule. Penalties and/or late fees will be assessed to your utility account(s) for nonpayment by the due date and must be paid by 8 AM on the 10th day of the month. Payments returned by the bank for nonsufficient funds must be made current within 3 business days with cash or your utilities may be disconnected. A second violation warrants ineligibility and termination from Budget Billing.
- You may stop Budget Billing at any time; however, you may not re-enter the program for a period of 12 months. If you elect to discontinue Budget Billing, or are terminated from the program, any unpaid balance for utility services will be applied to your account. The account balance will be due and payable at the time of termination. Any remaining credit balance on the terminated account will be applied accordingly.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions listed above and hereby enroll in the Budget Billing Program offered by the City of Winner.

Customer Signature

Date

Utility Billing Clerk Signature

Date