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Fairfield County Commissioners Announce 10% Discount for Senior Citizens and Veterans

LANCASTER, OH — The Fairfield County Commissioners are proud to offer a new discount program designed to assist senior citizens and veteran customers of utility services. The Senior and Veteran Assistance (SAVA) Program will provide qualifying customers with a 10% monthly reduction on water and sewer services.

This initiative is part of the Fairfield County Commissioners' ongoing commitment to supporting the community, particularly those who have dedicated their lives to serving the nation and those who have reached the esteemed age of 65 and above. The program is designed to provide financial relief to those who may be living on fixed incomes and face higher living costs.

"We are honored to offer this discount to our senior citizens and veterans," said Fairfield County Commissioner, David L. Levacy. "This program reflects our gratitude and respect for their contributions and sacrifices. We hope this discount will help ease financial burdens and show our appreciation for their service and dedication."



David L. Levacy, Fairfield County Commissioner

To qualify for the SAVA program, customers must be 65 years of age or

older and be a part of Ohio's Homestead Exemption or be a veteran. Homestead exemption is eligible to homeowners who meet one of the following requirements: homeowners who are permanently and totally disabled, military veterans who have received a 100% disability rating, those who already receive it, spouses of a first responder killed in the line of duty, and those over the age of 65 who meet certain income requirements. The total household income requirements for homeowners 65 and older and those who are permanently and totally disabled must not have exceeded \$36,100 in 2023, or \$38,600 in 2024.

Utility account owners who meet the qualifications, may apply for the program by completing and submitting a SAVA application to the county utilities office at 6670 Lockville Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112.

For more information or access to printable applications, please visit the <u>Fairfield County Utilities</u> <u>website</u>. Paper applications are available at the Fairfield County Utilities Office, the Fairfield County Auditor's Office or at the Fairfield County Veteran Service Office.

Founded in 1800 (three years before Ohio became a State), Fairfield County was the 8th county formed in the Northwest Territory. Today, more than 900 employees serve, connect, and protect the more than 158,000 citizens of Fairfield County, providing high quality services and outstanding customer service at exceptional value to taxpayers. Fairfield County fosters economic and fiscal sustainability and works to enhance the County's reputation as a high performing, learning, and caring organization. For more information about the county, its services and employment opportunities, please visit <u>https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/</u>

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