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***30+ Days Left to Enroll in the Water & Sewer Assistance Program.  
California's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)  
will remain open through March 31, 2024.***

Marina, CA — With just 30+ days left to sign up, Marina Coast Water District is encouraging low-income customers to apply for help paying their current or past-due water and sewer bills through the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). **Customers have until March 31, 2024, to apply.**

**Eligible households should apply now while funds last.** *"There's still time for low-income households to find relief from water and sewer costs through LIHWAP,"* said Barbara Montanti, Customer Service / Billing Supervisor for Marina Coast Water District. *"Because funding is limited and assistance is granted on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage residents to apply now and seize this opportunity for financial assistance."*

Through LIHWAP, thousands of low-income residents in Monterey have already received substantial financial support, addressing both current and overdue bills.

**Many Customers Already Qualify.** Households with an income below 60 percent of the state median income, such as \$103,856 for a family of four, and households that are already participating in CalFresh, CalWORKs, or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are eligible for LIHWAP.

**Apply Now for Assistance.** [WWW.CALIHEAPAPPLY.COM](http://WWW.CALIHEAPAPPLY.COM), (888)-728-3637, is collaborating with Marina Coast Water District to facilitate LIHWAP water and sewer bill payment applications.

To learn more about the program, find your local LIHWAP service provider, and apply, visit <https://energyservices.org/lihwap>

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***About Marina Coast Water District:*** *The MCWD's mission is to provide customers with high-quality potable and recycled water, wastewater collection, and conservation services that are safe, affordable, reliable, and sustainable through planning, management, and development of water resources in an environmentally sensitive manner. To learn more about Marina Coast Water District, visit [www.mcwd.org](http://www.mcwd.org).*