

## Utility Allowances

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Since HUD regulations require voucher calculations to be based on the cost of rent AND utilities HACL has developed the attached utility allowances. The allowances are based on the type of dwelling, bedroom size, fuel type, fuel cost and reasonable amounts of consumption. Obviously the allowances cannot predict exactly the utility usage of every tenant. However, we believe the allowances are both fair and reasonable. If utilities are used in a reasonable manner the allowances should be sufficient. Remember allowances are the same each month of the year. It is important that participants budget their money so that funds are available to cover utility bills during the higher use months. This is particularly true if a participant is paying for their own heat. Also be aware that air conditioning is NOT included in any utility allowance.

When using the utility allowance forms you should be aware of the following:

DWELLING TYPE – The Authority has divided rental properties into six different dwelling types: detached dwelling, semi-detached dwelling or end of row dwelling, inner row dwelling, apartment building top or bottom floor, apartment building middle floors and mobile homes. Make certain you pick the utility allowance sheet for the correct type of dwelling. If you are not sure of the dwelling type call the Authority for assistance.

UTILITY TYPE – Each allowance sheet provides a list of all possible fuel types for cooking, hot water and heating. You will note that both natural gas (gas from a pipe in the street by the gas company) and bottled gas (propane delivered by a truck to a tank at the house) are included. Be sure you select the correct type of gas allowance!

BEDROOM SIZE – The Authority must base the utility allowance on the bedroom size indicated on the voucher. While a participant may rent a larger dwelling, you can only use the allowance for the smaller bedroom size. For example if a participant has a 2 bedroom voucher but choose to rent a 3 bedroom apartment you MUST use the utility allowance for a 2 bedroom dwelling.

SEWER COSTS – Sewer rates vary greatly from one municipality to another. In the sewer rate column you will see a letter code next to the dollar amounts. The code is listed at the bottom of each utility allowance sheet. For example LC means Lebanon City. If a participant will be paying for sewer make certain you know which sewer system serves the dwelling.

TRASH COLLECTION – You will notice that there is no allowance for trash collection. Because the cost of trash collection varies with each disposal company it is impossible to establish an allowance. If a participant pays for refuse removal the allowance will be based on the normal monthly residential fee charged for removal in the particular service area.

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<b>Space Heating Allowance for single family dwellings</b>															
	1 Bedroom Dwelling			2 Bedroom Dwelling			3 Bedroom Dwelling			4 Bedroom Dwelling			5 Bedroom Dwelling		
	Inner Row	End of Row	Detached	Inner	End of Row	Detached	Inner Row	End of Row	Deatched	Inner Row	End of Row	Detached	Inner Row	End of Row	Detached
Coal	\$ 40	\$ 47	\$ 55	\$ 54	\$ 64	\$ 75	\$ 67	\$ 79	\$ 92	\$ 82	\$ 96	\$ 112	\$ 95	\$ 112	\$ 131
Oil	\$ 135	\$ 158	\$ 186	\$ 185	\$ 218	\$ 256	\$ 227	\$ 267	\$ 314	\$ 277	\$ 326	\$ 384	\$ 322	\$ 380	\$ 447
Electric	\$ 59	\$ 69	\$ 81	\$ 80	\$ 95	\$ 111	\$ 99	\$ 116	\$ 137	\$ 121	\$ 142	\$ 167	\$ 140	\$ 165	\$ 195
Gas	\$ 72	\$ 84	\$ 96	\$ 96	\$ 110	\$ 128	\$ 115	\$ 133	\$ 154	\$ 137	\$ 160	\$ 186	\$ 158	\$ 184	\$ 214
Propane	\$ 130	\$ 153	\$ 179	\$ 178	\$ 210	\$ 247	\$ 219	\$ 258	\$ 303	\$ 268	\$ 315	\$ 371	\$ 311	\$ 366	\$ 431

<b>Space Heating Allowance for multifamily structures (apts)</b>						
	0 Bedroom		1 Bedroom		2 Bedroom	
	Top or Bottm	Middle Floor	Top or Bottom	Middle Floor	Top or Bottom	Middle Floor
Coal	\$ 29	\$ 24	\$ 38	\$ 33	\$ 52	\$ 45
Oil	\$ 97	\$ 83	\$ 130	\$ 111	\$ 178	\$ 152
Electric	\$ 42	\$ 36	\$ 57	\$ 48	\$ 78	\$ 66
Gas	\$ 54	\$ 48	\$ 70	\$ 61	\$ 93	\$ 81
Propane	\$ 94	\$ 80	\$ 126	\$ 107	\$ 172	\$ 147

<b>Space Heating Allowance for Mobile Homes (by structure size)</b>						
	14 x 52	14 x 58	14 x 66	14 x 68	23 x 44	24 x 56
Coal	\$ 40	\$ 46	\$ 48	\$ 50	\$ 53	\$ 64
Oil	\$ 137	\$ 155	\$ 163	\$ 169	\$ 180	\$ 217
Electric	\$ 72	\$ 82	\$ 85	\$ 89	\$ 95	\$ 114
Gas	\$ 73	\$ 82	\$ 85	\$ 88	\$ 93	\$ 110
Propane	\$ 132	\$ 150	\$ 157	\$ 163	\$ 174	\$ 209

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	<b>Cooking</b>					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom
Electric	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 14
Gas	\$ 16	\$ 17	\$ 19	\$ 21	\$ 24	\$ 26
All Gas	\$ 7	\$ 9	\$ 10	\$ 13	\$ 16	\$ 18
Propane	\$ 14	\$ 19	\$ 25	\$ 31	\$ 39	\$ 44

	<b>Water</b>					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom
Lebanon City	\$ 9	\$ 14	\$ 23	\$ 32	\$ 42	\$ 42
PA American	\$ 20	\$ 28	\$ 45	\$ 61	\$ 77	\$ 94
Myerstown	\$ 13	\$ 17	\$ 28	\$ 40	\$ 51	\$ 62

	<b>Water Heating</b>					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom
Coal	\$ 15	\$ 20	\$ 24	\$ 28	\$ 32	\$ 37
Oil	\$ 31	\$ 44	\$ 56	\$ 68	\$ 87	\$ 100
Electric	\$ 18	\$ 24	\$ 30	\$ 36	\$ 42	\$ 48
Gas	\$ 25	\$ 30	\$ 34	\$ 39	\$ 43	\$ 48
All Gas	\$ 17	\$ 22	\$ 26	\$ 30	\$ 35	\$ 40
Propane	\$ 33	\$ 46	\$ 59	\$ 72	\$ 92	\$ 105

	<b>Sewage</b>					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom
Lebanon City	\$ 7	\$ 11	\$ 19	\$ 27	\$ 35	\$ 35
Annaville	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 22	\$ 33	\$ 44	\$ 55
Iona	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$ 28	\$ 36	\$ 36
Jonestown	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 24	\$ 36	\$ 48	\$ 60
Myerstown	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 24	\$ 36	\$ 48	\$ 60
N & S Lebanon	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$ 28	\$ 36	\$ 36
North Cornwall	\$ 13	\$ 13	\$ 19	\$ 29	\$ 39	\$ 49
Palmyra	\$ 16	\$ 16	\$ 23	\$ 34	\$ 46	\$ 57
South Hills	\$ 8	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$ 28	\$ 36	\$ 36

	<b>General Electical Use</b>					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom	Bedroom
	\$ 25	\$ 28	\$ 38	\$ 43	\$ 45	\$ 50

Note: All gas means a dwelling in which space heating, cooking and hot water all use natural gas