Utility-Tax Refund: An Overview

From April 1 through May 31, eligible residents can apply for a City utility-tax refund. To be eligible for a refund, you must rent or own your primary residence in the City of Wentzville, be at least 65 years old or considered totally disabled by Social Security, and have a maximum 2018 gross income of $43,050 for a single-person household or $49,200 for a married-couple household. The refund program is based on your total gross income for filing year 2018, social security income is included. These income requirements are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and can fluctuate from year-to-year. These are the current limits supplied by HUD, but are subject to change before the application period opens on April 1, 2019.

The refund amount is a portion of the “City Tax” or “Franchise Tax” listed on your electric, gas and phone bills for 2018. If you haven’t saved your gas or electric stubs, you can contact your local utilities to request a report (please note: CenturyLink does not provide this report).

- **Ameren UE**: Request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2018 by calling (314) 342-1111.
- **Laclede Gas**: Request the “Municipal Tax Report” for 2018 by calling (314) 621-6960.
- **Cuivre River**: Request the “Wentzville City Tax Report” for 2018 by calling (800) 392-3709.
- **Phone Bills**: Provide land line OR cell phone bills (pre-paid phones are not eligible).

Beginning April 1, residents can apply for the refund in person at City Hall (1001 Schroeder Creek Blvd.). When applying for the refund, residents will need the following: proof of residency, income, age and/or disability, and copies of their gas, electric and primary phone bills (or the reports listed above). Residents must also present a driver’s license, Social Security card or birth certificate. If you have questions or would like to check your eligibility, please call the Finance Department at (636) 639-2155.

Candidates for April 2 Election

All eligible City residents are encouraged to vote and make their choices known in the April 2, 2019, election.

Residents who have not yet registered to vote have until March 6 to register. Voter registration forms are available at the St. Charles County Election Authority Office, which is located at 397 Turner Blvd., in St. Peters. For questions, including polling location information, please call the Election Authority at (636) 949-7550 or visit election.sccmo.org. Below are the candidates for the April 2 election.

- **ALDERMAN, WARD ONE – TWO-YEAR TERM**
  - Bryan Harr
- **ALDERMAN, WARD TWO – TWO-YEAR TERM**
  - Brittany Gillett
- **ALDERMAN, WARD THREE – TWO-YEAR TERM**
  - Josh Jenkins
  - Matt Swanson
  - Leonyer M. Richardson
- **JUDGE – TWO YEAR TERM**
  - Michael “Mike” E. Carter
  - Laura E. Sprehe

Yard Waste Resumes March 4

Yard-waste collection begins the first full week in March and continues through the last week of December each year. Yard-waste collection will automatically resume the week of March 4, if service is not canceled. Cancellations will be accepted until March 27.

For those with service, yard waste must be set out by 6 a.m. on your regular trash/recycling collection day. If you prefer to provide your own cart, it must be clearly marked with “Yard-Waste-Only” stickers on the lid and both sides of the cart. You can request the stickers by calling Public Works at (636) 327-5102.

To use the yard-waste, per-bag service you will need to schedule a pickup by calling (636) 327-5102. This service must be scheduled a minimum of two business days before your regular trash/recycling collection day.

Accepted yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, limbs and branches. Limbs and branches cannot be more than four feet long, three inches in diameter or weigh more than 40 pounds. Also, bundles should be tied with a natural twine or other biodegradable binding material. Yard waste DOES NOT include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps or limbs more than three inches in diameter. For questions about yard-waste pickup, please call the Public Works Department at (636) 639-2049.
Mission: Clean Stream
Join volunteers, ages 6 and older, to restore the Perquie and Dry Branch creeks. These streams are important to the health of our community and support a variety of wildlife and land uses. You can register for M:CS as a family, individual or organization.

Event Schedule
8-9 a.m.
Tree Seminar

9 a.m.-1 p.m.
GM Earth Day Festival

9 a.m.
M:CS Volunteer Sign-in and Site Assignments

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Stream Cleanup

11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Seldom Fed Five Band

GM Earth Day Festival
Enjoy hands-on activities for all ages, green vendors, live demos, food vendors and live music. Stop by the Parks and Recreation Booth. Free seedlings will be given to resident card holders. No preregistration required.

After the Cleanup
Volunteers are invited to return to Rotary Park following the cleanup for a light lunch and the GM Earth Day Festival.

Tree Seminar
Kick off your morning with a FREE workshop! Learn about invasive plants that affect our urban forests, selecting tree species for your property and ordinances for planting in Wentzville.

Presented by the Wentzville Parks and Recreation Tree Committee

City of Wentzville Stats to Date:
1,935 volunteers
18 cleanup sites
85,940 pounds of trash
311 tires