



Emergency Preparedness Week, which runs this year from May 4 - 10, is a national awareness initiative aimed to help people better protect themselves, their family and their community during an emergency. The theme for this year's Emergency Preparedness Week is: "Be prepared, know your risks".

In Summerland, the risks include wildfire, extreme heat, landslides, drought, and flooding. For all these potential emergencies, Council has adopted a Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) that considers the source of the risks, their likelihood of occurring, the severity of possible impacts, and what people and infrastructure would be most exposed.

Local authorities such as the Fire Department are usually the first to respond to an emergency and for any major disaster Council may activate an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) that draws in employees from various municipal departments. If local resources prove insufficient, emergency response can escalate up to the regional, provincial or federal governments.

As a local resident, you can also assist with emergency preparedness by understanding the risks around you and by learning what actions you can take to protect yourself and your household, for example fire-smarting your house or neighbourhood if it interfaces with woodland areas. There's a saying that emergency preparedness begins at home, which means people should have provisions on hand to sustain them for at least 72 hours. An emergency kit list can be found on the District of Summerland website under '[Emergency Preparedness](#)'. On the same page you can also sign up to the [Voyent Alert!](#) notification service to receive timely information on any local emergency.

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

Conkle Mountain & Cartwright Mountain Trail Plans: Stage 2 Engagement

If you are interested in the trails on Conkle and Cartwright Mountains, please watch for the Stage 2 engagement process in May. Visit the project website

www.summerland.ca/trails-plans to see the results of Stage 1 engagement (What We Heard reports), the draft trail plans, information on a public Open House, and links to online surveys to provide your input before the plans are finalized.



Voyent Alert!

The District of Summerland uses Voyent Alert! as their notification service to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications.

Register now at <https://www.summerland.ca/city-services/notifications>.



Alternative means of Public Notice

To increase flexibility and accessibility, the District of Summerland council has changed the method for delivering statutory notifications to satisfy the legislative requirements of section 94 of the *Community Charter*. The methods will include posting statutory notice notifications on the District's website www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/council-meetings/public-notice and on the District's Facebook page facebook.com/SummerlandBC.

As always, the public notices will be posted on the public notice board located in the lobby of Municipal Hall at 13211 Henry Ave.

Compost available at Summerland landfill

The Summerland Landfill sells [Class A compost](#). Composted materials have been tested and are safe for garden and landscaping purposes.

The Summerland Landfill produces two types of compost. One type is made from residential food scraps and yard waste. The other is made from Summerland wastewater sludge and wood chips. Summerland Landfill is also making a 'top dressing' made from a mix of compost and sandy soil.

Loading times at the Landfill for trucks and trailers are 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) on weekdays except statutory holidays. Customers can also bring their own shovel and collect compost from our self-loading area any time the Landfill is open. The Landfill and Recycling areas are open Monday to Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM and closed Sundays, statutory holidays and Boxing Day.

Compost will be available by weight on a first come, first served basis, but due to the overwhelming popularity of food scraps compost, there may be limited availability. For further information, please contact Works & Infrastructure at 250-494-0431 or e-mail works@summerland.ca.

Ongoing and upcoming projects

- **Prairie Valley Road Upgrade, Morrow to Cartwright** - Construction has resumed on Prairie Valley Road between Cartwright Avenue and Morrow Avenue. This section of the project includes installation of watermain and sanitary sewer, road reconstruction and a new multi-use path. Passenger vehicles please follow traffic controllers and marked detour via Dale Meadows Road. Construction will be completed in Summer 2025. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our community's infrastructure.
- **Giant's Head Mountain Park Phases 3 and 4** - Giant's Head Mountain Park upgrades are nearly complete. A new year-round washroom opened at the lower gate in December. Trail work, additional signage and planting will continue into Spring. Park users are reminded to stay on marked trails as planting and natural restorations are ongoing.

Signage

Please be reminded that the District of Summerland does not permit permanent or temporary signs to be placed in the roundabouts, on power poles or light standards or anywhere within highway rights-of-way, unless expressly permitted in Sign Bylaw No. 2022-026. The District may **remove and take away** any sign on District road rights-of-way that is in contravention with this Bylaw.



Giant's Head Mountain Park gate

Effective April 15, the park road gate will be open Monday – Saturday 12:00 PM (noon) – 9:00 PM. Closed on Sundays. New washroom building at the lower parking lot open daily 7:30 AM – 9:00 PM.

Peach Orchard Beach Dog Park

Extended spring/summer hours

Effective April 15, the dog park will now be open to 7:30 AM – 9:00 PM, washrooms will also be open during this time.

Snow Angels

There were 19 Snow Angel nominations made for 2024/2025. Each received a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Doug Holmes. Congratulations to Arjin Curry, this year's gift certificate prize winner!



After hours emergency

An after hours emergency is an emergency that occurs between the hours of 3:30 PM - 7:00 AM Monday to Friday, or any time on the week-ends or Statutory holidays relating to water, sewer, roads, parks or electrical utility. If you have an after hours emergency, contact our **Answering Service** at **250-493-0005**. Please note that overtime charges may apply if the emergency is deemed to be on your property.





Giant's Head Run

5.7K - 2025 - 10.3K

Saturday June 7, 2025

9am start

Registration includes:

- Family Fun Zone
- T-shirt for first 450 registrants
- Prizes
- Refreshments
- Awards



Early Bird Registration closes May 17

Youth \$20
Adult \$30
Family \$75

Registration is OPEN

Register in person at the Summerland Aquatic & Fitness Centre OR online at raceroster.com (Additional processing fee when registering online)



For more info: recreation@summerland.ca (250) 494-0447

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Please reach out if you can help!

Sports fields and park washrooms spring opening

Effective April 15, sports fields are open as well as park washrooms and gates. Park washrooms (Powell Beach, Rotary Beach, Memorial Park, and Dale Meadows) are open daily 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM.

Washrooms at Peach Orchard Beach Park and Giant's Head Mountain Park open daily 7:30 AM – 9:00 PM.

Official Community Plan open house

The District is reviewing Summerland's Urban Growth Boundary - a tool that helps manage urban expansion and protect natural and agricultural lands - as part of the Official Community Plan update. We need your input to ensure a well-planned, sustainable future that reflects our community's priorities.

Join us at one of our upcoming Open Houses at the George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre (second floor), 9525 Wharton Street:

- Tuesday, May 13 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM (presentation at 6:00 PM)
- Thursday, May 15 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM (presentation at 6:00 PM)

For more information, visit summerlandocp.ca



Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland

Website: summerland.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/SummerlandBC

Sign up for the monthly newsletter online:

www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter

Check out the Mayor's podcast on all major streaming platforms or on the District's website: www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor-s-podcast

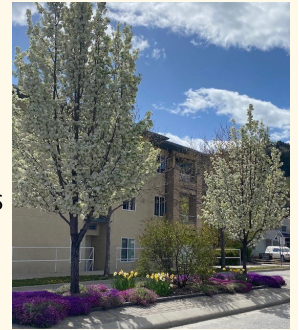
Municipal Hall hours of operation: Tuesday - Friday from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays.

What does naturalizing bulbs mean?

Unlike traditional planting methods that involve digging up and replanting bulbs each year, naturalization allows bulbs to thrive and multiply naturally year after year, are deer and drought resistant and require minimal maintenance once established.

As the weather warms up you will notice daffodils popping up around town, specifically "Spring Mix" which is a great naturalizing mixture of early to late season blooms. To create a more natural look, consider planting them in clusters rather than rows to enjoy beautiful long lasting floral bouquets.

Pictured Pyrus calleryana ornamental Flowering Pear tree (white), Aubrieta deltoidea Rock Cress (purple) with 'Spring Mix' daffodils (yellow).



Be bear smart

Garbage, bird feeders and tree fruits can attract bears to your yard and neighbourhood. Once a bear becomes used to human food sources it becomes habituated, usually resulting in the bear being destroyed. It is important to keep wildlife wild and communities safe.



Garbage - properly secure your garbage and keep it indoors until pick-up or until you can bring it to the landfill. **Place your carts at the curb no earlier than 5:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.**

Compost - use finished compost, leaves, grass or wood chips to cover up fruit or other food waste in your composter. Properly care for your compost by turning it and layering it appropriately to reduce odours.

Fruit Trees and Grapes - make sure to harvest fruit immediately and remove all windfall fruit. If you own an orchard, electric fencing is encouraged.

Pet food, Birdfeeders and Gardens are all attractants for bears. Keep your pet food securely stored indoors. Bring your birdfeeders in for the summer, supplementing them with natural flowers and birdbaths.

Barbeques - everyone loves the smell of a good barbeque, bears included! To keep your barbeques safe, make sure that they are properly cleaned, covered and don't leave utensils out overnight.

Report all wildlife encounters to the BC Conservation Officer Service RAPP Line at 1-877-952-7277 or visit www.wildsafebc.com to learn more about how to protect the species around you.

Food scraps make compost, compost makes food

The District of Summerland started collecting food scraps since April 2024. Materials collected in your green cart are composted at the Organics Facility at the Summerland Landfill. Compost can be used in local gardens and agricultural operations to support the growth of healthy plants. Items that don't belong in your green cart contaminates valuable composting material, making it unsaleable.

The District is seeing common contaminants that don't belong in your green cart such as:

- Cardboard including pizza boxes, place in your recycling cart
- Pet waste, place in garbage
- Plastic bags, recycle at the Landfill Recycling Depot
- Compostable or Biodegradable bags, not accepted
- Diapers, place in garbage
- Construction materials including scrap wood, deposit at Landfill

Please note the Summerland food scraps program differs from other communities. Summerland uses a cost-effective composting system that can accept food scraps, organic yard waste and food soiled paper. For further information please contact Works & Infrastructure at 250-494-0431 or e-mail works@summerland.ca.



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