

Scheduled Six Hour Power Outage for all of Summerland Sunday, June 17th 12:01am to 6:00am

FortisBC has scheduled a six hour power outage, for the early morning of June 17th, to perform required equipment upgrades. This outage will affect all of Summerland. Preparations will begin Saturday evening for the Sunday morning outage. Residents can be prepared Saturday night by having a flashlight nearby and backup alarm clocks.

Information will be posted on the District of Summerland website www.summerland.ca and Facebook.com/SummerlandBC



Questions regarding the outage can be directed to Works and Utilities 250-494-0431.

Your Carts are Arriving in June - Service Starts in July!

The time has finally come! Households currently receiving curbside collection services from the District will have their new carts dropped off at their property in the **last half of June**. You do not need to be home to receive the carts. Carts may not all be dropped off at the same time and it may take a few days to receive all three (3) carts. Information concerning the cart program will be delivered with the carts at your property - please give these important items a read to make sure you are ready when the new pick-up service starts on **July 1st**. **Please do not use the carts until July.**

In summary:

- your carts will be delivered to your property in late June
- cart service starts July 1 - do not use the carts until July
- you do not need to be home to receive your carts
- your carts may be delivered individually at different times
- important information will be delivered with your carts – please read it thoroughly

Staff are available to answer any questions you have and to help address any concerns about the cart program. For more information or assistance, please contact the Summerland Recycling Ambassadors at carts@summerland.ca or call 250-404-4069.



Property Taxes and Home Owner Grants are Due 4pm Friday, July 6th, 2018

Property Tax Notices were mailed out at the end of May. Outstanding taxes and Home Owner Grant applications are due and payable by 4pm on Friday, July 6th, 2018. A 10% penalty will be added to any outstanding balances or unclaimed Home Owner Grants (HOG) after **the due date**. If this is your principal residence, you may be eligible to claim the HOG. This must be done every year (even if your bank pays the taxes for you).

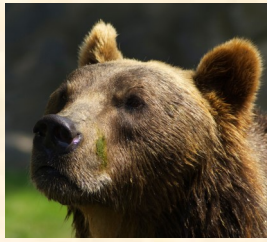
Payments for property taxes may be made by cheque, cash, debit (know your daily limit), post-dated cheque, internet or telephone banking. **Please note we do not accept credit cards.** Postmarks are not considered as date of payment so don't wait until the last minute!

For more information on Home Owner Grants, Property Taxes, the Provincial Tax Deferment Programs or the Pre-Authorized Prepayment Plan, please see the back of your Tax Notice or the insert included with your notice, visit our website at www.summerland.ca, call 250-494-6451 or come to Municipal Hall - we'll be happy to help you!

To help line-ups move quickly, please have your cheque and Home Owner Grant application filled out BEFORE you take it to the cashier.

Keep Your Home Unbearable

Bears are now out of hibernation and are looking for food. Please do not leave out garbage, pet food, bird feeders, uncleaned BBQs, or fruit that can attract bears to yards. They have an unbelievable sense of smell. Garbage should be put outside the morning of pick up and be stored in a secure location that bears cannot access the rest of the week. Although it is exciting to see a bear, they can move very quickly and can cause damage to personal property and in rare cases harm to humans when they are in pursuit of human food sources. The Conservation Officers, as a last resort, will put bears down if they become too familiar in residential areas. Keep your neighbourhood safe, keep the bears safe - don't give bears a reason to visit your place! Report any conflict with wildlife to the BC Conservation Officer Reporting Line 1-877-952-7277. For information on paying an additional fee for an animal resistant garbage cart, please call 250-404-4069.



Let's be Clear on Glass Recycling

Did you know that glass is **not** accepted in our curbside recycling program? Glass can be recycled at the Summerland Landfill Recycling Depot. Glass is recycled into many amazing things including countertops, flooring, and asphalt. Glass is a valuable resource that we want to ensure is reused and not thrown away.

To recycle your glass most efficiently, before you head up to the landfill ask your neighbors and friends if they have any glass you can take as well. You can "glass carpool" to reduce your vehicle emissions while helping create new products. Before you take it to be recycled make sure your glass is clean (less than 10% coverage with food waste) – leaving the labels on is okay!

Just because glass is **not** picked up at the curbside doesn't mean that it isn't recyclable. Please recycle and help reduce waste in our landfill by taking your glass to the Landfill Recycling Depot, along with other depot-only items.

Council Committee/Commission Volunteers

Terms for volunteers on Council Committees such as Heritage Advisory, Advisory Planning Commission and the Board of Variance are coming due in June and there are openings. Anyone interested in applying to be a volunteer on one of these committees should visit www.summerland.ca for details and complete an application form. Council will review all applications and make appointments in June. For more information contact Karen Jones kjones@summerland.ca

Council Remuneration Task Force

The District of Summerland will be establishing an independent community committee to review compensation paid to Mayor and Council and to make any recommendations for change. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity to volunteer to be on the Council Remuneration Task Force, please email Linda Tynan, CAO at Ltynan@summerland.ca by June 29, 2018.

Recycle Even More Starting January 2019

Currently, many types of flexible packaging (e.g., chip bags, zipper-lock bags, crinkly wrappers for pasta, coffee bags, etc.) are not accepted in curbside recycling or at the Summerland Landfill Recycling Depot.

Effective January 2019, RecycleBC has announced they will start accepting these items and a wide variety of other flexible and soft plastic packaging at the Landfill Depot.

Until January 2019, plastic bags and overwrap are the only soft plastics accepted at the Summerland Landfill Depot.

More information will be distributed in the coming months.

Watering Schedule

Summerland is in Stage One Watering Restrictions unless otherwise notified.

If your address is odd (the last digit ends in 1,3,5,7,9) you may water on Saturday, Monday and Thursday.

If your address is even (ends in 0,2,4,6,8) you may water on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system**, you may water from midnight to 6:00am on your permitted days (either odd or even). **Micro-irrigation, drip irrigation or a hose with a shutoff nozzle** can be used anytime to water trees, shrubs or veggies. If you are planting new sod or seed and need to water more, please visit Municipal Hall about a Special Watering Permit.



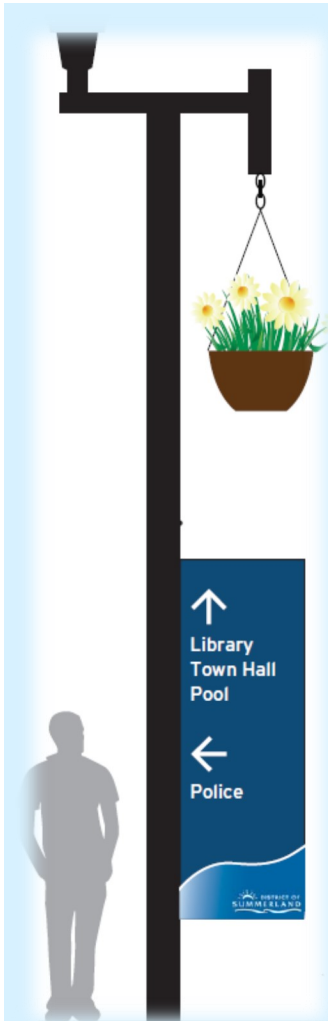
New Summerland Signage

New signs are in development to help visitors navigate their way around the District.

The new signs will inform and direct visitors and residents towards cultural, historic, recreational and service amenities throughout the community.

With a focus on meeting the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, the signs are blue to serve as an informational resource and will be found in key entrances and gateways across Summerland. The signs look to connect places, use consistent names and keep information as simple as possible to ensure ease of use and allow for visitors to better explore and discover all that Summerland has to offer.

The signs will be introduced in the community throughout the summer.



Flood Update

As water levels in Aeneas Creek and Okanagan Lake continue to recede, the District of Summerland and property owners will soon be able to begin recovery efforts. Information on sandbag removal will soon be posted on Summerland's website www.summerland.ca and [Facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://www.facebook.com/SummerlandBC).

As with any emergency response situation, much extra effort is required by District staff to adequately respond to the risk of damage to municipal infrastructure and the community. The additional measures that staff have taken to protect our community from the potential flooding is recognized and greatly appreciated.