

Town of Lake Cowichan Property Tax Newsletter



New for 2021 – Claim your Home-Owner Grant Online



Claim your homeowner grant online at: gov.bc.ca/HomeOwnerGrant or call 1-888-355-2700 to speak with a live agent. There is also a link to the homeowner grant (under online services) on the Town's website. You must claim your homeowner grant by **July 2, 2021** to avoid penalty.

To claim your grant online you will need the jurisdiction code (539) and the roll number for the property you are applying for. This information can be found on your property tax notice.

Tax payments must be received at the Town Office by 4:30 p.m. on **July 2, 2021**. Online payments require more processing time. Pay early to avoid a 10% penalty.

If a mortgage company pays your taxes, you are still responsible for claiming the homeowner grant.

Payment options:



1. Mail your cheque to the Town Office. Ensure your payment is received before **4:30 p.m.** on **July 2, 2021**. The post-mark date is not accepted as proof of payment date.
2. Pay your tax or utility payments through telephone or online banking. Pay early (generally three to eight business days) to allow for bank processing times.
TIP: Problems with online payment: add 2 to 3 zeros in front of your roll number.
3. Tax and utility payments can be made by cash, debit, or cheque at the Town Office. We also accept post-dated cheques made payable for the due date.
4. Drop your cheque payment (with bottom portion of tax notice) through mail slot at the Town office before due date.



To receive email notifications from the Town, complete the form available on our website (under Services and Application forms).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join Town Council for the AGM to be held virtually June 22nd, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.



Council Meetings will be held virtually until further notice. The link is available on the Town's website.



Be Bear Aware



Garbage bins cannot be placed curbside before 7 a.m. on the morning of your scheduled pick-up day for the months of July and August.

BC Assessment website:
www.bcassessment.ca
 or call 1-866-825-8322

A reminder that
Burning is Prohibited
 in Lake Cowichan.



Property Tax Deferment

Applications for property tax deferment must be made online by **July 2, 2021** to avoid penalty.

Information on property tax deferment can be found at:
gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.

For enquiries call: 250-387-0555

Email: TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca

Online Services

- New for 2021: property owners can view their property tax notice online.
- To use online services, you must register for an account. The link is available on the Town's website under Online Services.
- To register you will need the online services code which is located at the top right-hand side of your 2021 property tax notice.

Contact Us

Municipal Office

39 South Shore Road
 Phone 250-749-6681
 Fax 250-749-3900
 Office hours 8:30 - 4:30 pm

Public Works

7 Grossleg Way
 Phone 250-749-6244
 Fax 250-749-6686
 Office hours 8:00 - 4:30 pm
 Summer hours 7:00 - 3:30 pm
 (July and August)

After hours **Emergency Only**
 250-715-9730

Please leash and clean up after your pet.



Watering Guidelines



	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Effective Date	May 1 to Oct. 31	As required	As required
Sprinkling Times	7:00am - 9:00am OR 7:00pm - 9:00pm	7:00am - 9:00am OR 7:00pm - 9:00pm	NOT PERMITTED SPRINKLING BAN
Even Numbered Houses	Even days	Wednesday & Saturday	
Odd Numbered Houses	Odd days	Thursday & Sunday	
Watering New Lawn	Same as above unless Sprinkling Permit is obtained	NO PERMITS ISSUED	NO PERMITS ISSUED

Watering restrictions are in effect for Lake Cowichan. For more information refer to the Town's website under Public Works and Engineering Services.

- Weeper hoses are included as micro irrigation for watering trees, shrubs and gardens. Soaker hoses are not considered micro-irrigation.
- Washing of driveways, houses or sidewalks is only permitted under Stage 2 or 3 restrictions for the preparation of applying paints, preservatives or for pouring concrete.