

# Town of Lake Cowichan Property Tax Newsletter



## Claim your Home-Owner Grant Online



Claim your homeowner grant online at: [gov.bc.ca/HomeOwnerGrant](https://gov.bc.ca/HomeOwnerGrant) or call 1-888-355-2700 to speak with a live agent. There is a link to the homeowner grant (under online services) on the Town's website. Claim your homeowner grant by **July 4, 2022** 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 the top left side of your property tax notice.

Tax payments must be received at the Town Office by 4:30 p.m. on **July 4, 2022**. 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 4, 2022**. 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 at the Town office by debit, cheque, or cash (no change will be provided, the overpayment will be applied to the property tax account). 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.

TAKE THE  
SURVEY

Participate in the Uvic study investigating the impacts of Covid-19 on rural and remote BC by accessing the link: <https://bit.ly/3fJKc1u>

ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING

Join Town Council for the AGM to be held at the Fire Hall (3 North Shore Rd) June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.



Please be sure to have house numbers visible to ensure emergency vehicles can locate your home.

## 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](http://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 4, 2022** to avoid penalty.

Information on property tax deferment can be found at:  
[gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.ca](http://gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.ca)

For enquiries call: 250-387-0555

Email: [TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca](mailto:TaxDeferment@gov.bc.ca)

## Online Services

View your property tax notice online.

- Register for an account, the link is available on the Town's website under Online Services.
- To register you will need the access code and account number which is located on the top right of your property tax notice.
- This service is for viewing property tax notices only. Online services cannot be used to make payments or for viewing the current balance owing on the property tax account.

## Contact Us Municipal Office

[www.lakecowichan.ca](http://www.lakecowichan.ca)

39 South Shore Road  
 PO Box 860

Phone 250-749-6681

Fax 250-749-3900

Office hours 8:30 - 4:30 pm

## Public Works

7 Grosskleg 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



Email  
 Contact Form

Complete this form if you wish to be added to the Town's contact list.



Please have your dog on a leash



Please pick up after your pet

Watering Guidelines	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Refer to website for complete schedule of water restrictions.	May 1 to Oct. 31	Prov. Drought Code 3 As Required	Prov. Drought Code 4 As Required	Prov. Drought Code 5 As Required
<b>Conventional Irrigation Systems and Sprinklers</b>				
Sprinkling Times	7:00am - 9:00am OR 7:00pm - 9:00pm	7:00am - 9:00am OR 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Even Address Odd Addresses	Wed and Sat. Thurs. and Sun.	Wednesday Sunday	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
New Lawns Permit Required	Any day	1 hour/day Any Day with permit	1 hour/day Any Day with permit	Not permitted
<b>Hand Watering, Micro / Drip Irrigation</b>				
Vegetable garden, fruit trees	4 hours/day	4 hours/day	2 hours/day	2 hours/day
Ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers	2 hours/day	2 hours/day	1 hour/day	1 hour/day
Lawns	2 hours/day	1 hour/day	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
New Lawns	2 hours/day	1 hour/day	1 hour with permit	Not Permitted
Pools and hot tubs	No restrictions	No restrictions	Not Permitted	Not Permitted