

2006 Utility Information

Please take the time to read the following:

Prepayments and/or tax credits

Tax credits from either prepayment plans or overpayments have been transferred to respective utility accounts to cover 2006 water and sewer charges. These amounts are shown on the notices as "transfer from taxes". Your notice will show either \$0.00 or a balance owing shown as "AMOUNT NOW DUE".

Payment options

Please refer to the back of your utility notice for the payment options available.

Secondary Suites

If qualified, complete the application for exemption (*middle portion of utility notice*), deduct \$488.18 from the "AMOUNT NOW DUE", and submit to City Hall as early as possible. Completed application must be submitted ANNUALLY to the City Collector by December 31 of the current year or the application for exemption will be denied.

Senior Citizen's Waiver (65 years or over this year)

If you have applied previously, and the notice shows the waiver/discount, NO APPLICATION IS REQUIRED. Please remit "AMOUNT NOW DUE" shown on the notice.

If you qualify and the notice does not show the waiver/discount, please complete the Senior's Waiver Application (*on back of remittance stub*) and deduct the applicable waiver/discount from the "AMOUNT NOW DUE". Senior's waiver/discount application must be submitted to the City Collector on or before Friday, March 31, 2006 to avoid penalty on the waiver/discount amount. To avoid loss of discount, completed applications must be submitted to the City Collector by December 31 of the current year.

Senior waiver/discounts are: Single Family Dwelling \$78.24; Townhouse \$77.10; Apartment \$74.69.

2006 Dog Licences

What you need to know if you have a dog:

- Dogs are required to be licensed after the age of six (6) months.
- Proof of spaying or neutering is required on the first licensing application.

LICENCE FEES FOR 2006

| | Before March 1, 2006 | After March 1, 2006 |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Not spayed/neutered | \$70 | \$85 |
| Spayed/neutered | \$28 | \$43 |

For renewals or new licences, complete the form below and submit with payment to:

Port Coquitlam City Hall
 2580 Shaughnessy Street
 Port Coquitlam BC V3C 2A8

2006 Dog Licence Application

Owner's name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (business): _____

Dog's name: _____ Breed: _____

Colour: _____ Sex: F spayed not spayed
 M neutered not neutered

Animal Control Bylaw violations subject to fines include Unlicensed Dog: \$50

2006 utility bills are due:
**Friday,
 March 31, 2006**
 A 10% penalty applies after due date

For more information about utility taxes or dog licences:

Contact the Tax Office at 604.927.5425 or taxes@portcoquitlam.ca

2006 dog licences are due:
**Wednesday,
 March 1, 2006**
 Fees increase after due date

For more information
on Port Coquitlam's 2006
Volunteer Recognition
Awards, visit

www.portcoquitlam.ca,
phone 604.927.5410 or email
admin@portcoquitlam.ca

Nomination Deadline:
March 24, 2006

Outstanding volunteers sought

If you know of an outstanding Port Coquitlam volunteer, the Volunteer Recognition Awards are an excellent way for you to recognize them and **let them know their volunteer efforts are appreciated.**

Award criteria and nomination forms are available at www.portcoquitlam.ca, Port Coquitlam City Hall (2580 Shaughnessy Street), Port Coquitlam Recreation Complex (2150 Wilson Avenue), Hyde Creek Recreation Centre (1379 Laurier Avenue) and Terry Fox Library (2470 Mary Hill Rd), or by calling 604.927.5410.

Volunteers
are **KEY**
to a safe, happy and healthy community

Make the **SWITCH** to a water-saving toilet and showerhead and get a \$100 utility tax rebate per bathroom!

If you're not using low-flow bathroom fixtures, you're flushing cash down the drain.

On March 1, the City of Port Coquitlam launches its two-year pilot Bathroom Fixture Replacement Rebate Program, which provides a one-time \$100 rebate on your utility taxes for switching to both a 6.0-litres/flush toilet and 9.5-litres/minute showerhead.

It's a great way to save some cash while switching to water-saving fixtures that not only help the environment, but also reduce home energy bills. Making the switch also helps reduce the costs associated with water and sewage use in the City.

At this point, the rebate program is only available to single-family homes in Port Coquitlam built prior to January 1, 2006. Homeowners and property managers are eligible, provided they have replaced BOTH a toilet and showerhead in each applicable bathroom. There is a maximum of two rebates per home.

For more information, visit www.portcoquitlam.ca (follow the link from the home page), call 604.927.5420 or drop by the Engineering and Operations Department at City Hall, 2580 Shaughnessy Street. Rebate forms are available at City Hall or online in PDF format.

Some good reasons to make the switch:

- Older **toilets** use 13-20 litres of water per flush – 30,000 more litres per year than a 6.0-litre/flush toilet.
- The new 6.0-litre **toilets** have been reengineered to perform better.
- Regular **showerheads** can use up to 190 litres for a 10-minute shower and typically use more than double the hot water of low-flow models.

Ticketmaster has come to Port Coquitlam!

Get your hot tickets to upcoming music concerts, sports games, arts and theatre or family events right in your own back yard!

ticketmaster

The Port Coquitlam Recreation Complex at 2150 Wilson Avenue is the only Tri-Cities-area outlet where you can purchase tickets **(in person only)** and/or pick up your ordered ticket.

The hours of operation are Monday to Saturday, 9am to 7pm and Sundays 11:30am to 5pm. (Closed on statutory holidays.) *Sorry, we cannot sell tickets or answer Ticketmaster questions by phone.*



Improving drinking water quality through water main flushing

The water mains on Port Coquitlam's north side will be flushed from February to May as part of the City's annual water quality maintenance program. The City of Port Coquitlam flushes half of its water mains each year. This systematic flushing minimizes sediment deposits in the City's water system that can deteriorate our water quality if they are not removed.

North-side residents are requested to monitor the City website and local newspapers for specific schedule notices for their neighbourhood.

During the flushing work, water is sometimes discoloured as sediment is being flushed away. Drinking discoloured water should not make you sick, however the water may smell, taste and look unpleasant. Prior to using hot water or laundering, residents should check the colour of their water from a cold-water tap to minimize staining. Running water from the garden hose or several cold-water taps is often an effective way to flush discoloured water from your system.

In addition to this year's flushing of the north-side water mains, some additional flushing may take place sporadically throughout the year to maintain water quality.

For more information, visit our website or contact the Engineering and Operations Department, 604.927.5480 or 604.927.5488.

Building Permit **FAQs**

When are permits required?

New construction; additions; alterations; repairs; for completion of unfinished areas (i.e. basements); relocation of structures; demolition; modification or installation of plumbing or fire sprinklers; installation or alteration of sanitary, water service, storm sewers or drainage; swimming pools or ponds deeper than 0.75 m; retaining walls taller than 1.5 m; wood-burning chimneys or a change in use in part of the building.

When are permits NOT required?

Minor modifications such as painting; fencing; landscaping (including patios/decks less than 60 cm or two feet above grade); sidewalks; driveways; cupboards replacement; repairing leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures; or replacement of hot water tanks that aren't relocated.

Where do I go to obtain permits or ask questions?

Building Division of the Development Services Department, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2A8, or 604.927.5444.

Where do I make electrical or gas inquiries?

Government Safety Engineering Services Division, #24-2773 Barnet Highway, Coquitlam, BC V3B 1C2 or 604.927.2041.