

2007 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 2007 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. **Please note that credit cards are not accepted for tax and utility payments.**

Secondary Suites

If qualified, complete the application for exemption (*middle portion of utility notice*), deduct \$512.86 from the "AMOUNT NOW DUE", and submit to City Hall as early as possible. Please note: the exemption for parent(s) and grandparent(s) will be equal to 50% of the levy charged for the additional dwelling unit/secondary suite (i.e. \$256.43). 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 Monday, April 2, 2007 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 \$52.16; Townhouse \$51.40; Apartment \$49.79.

2007 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 2007

	Before March 1, 2007	After March 1, 2007
Not spayed/neutered	\$80	\$95
Spayed/neutered	\$32	\$47

NEW!
 Renew your dog licence online at www.portcoquitlam.ca

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

2007 Dog Licence Application

Owner's name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (bus.): _____

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

2007 utility bills are due:
Monday, April 2, 2007

A 5% penalty applies after April 2 and a further 5% applies after May 31

For more information about utility taxes or dog licences:

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

2007 dog licences are due:
Thursday, March 1, 2007
 Fees increase after due date



Seeking: unsung heroes

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2007 Port Coquitlam Volunteer Recognition Awards and Tribute. If you know of an outstanding Port Coquitlam volunteer, these annual awards are an excellent way to **let them know their 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.

Nomination Deadline:
March 16, 2007

For more information, visit www.portcoquitlam.ca, phone 604.927.5410 or email admin@portcoquitlam.ca

Are **YOU** prepared for a **DISASTER**?

Families should be prepared to sustain themselves without aid for 72 hours in emergencies, including power failures, storms, floods or earthquakes.

The City of Port Coquitlam's Emergency Preparedness Program offers free courses to local citizens throughout the year. If registering for more than one, it is recommended they be taken in the following order:

- **Personal Family Preparedness** – how to help yourself and others prepare for a disaster. Apr. 3, June 5, Sept. 11 and Nov. 20
- **Rapid Damage Assessment** – learn to identify if your house is safe to occupy after an earthquake. Apr. 5, June 7, Sept. 13, Nov. 22
- **Basic Fire Suppression** – includes hands-on fire extinguisher training. Apr. 10, June 12, Sept. 18, Nov. 27
- **First Aid Awareness** – learn the first steps in how to assist until professionals arrive. Apr. 11, June 13, Sept. 19, Nov. 28
- **Light Urban Search and Rescue** – what to do if someone is trapped after a disaster. Apr. 12, June 14, Sept. 20, Nov. 29

All courses are offered from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Port Coquitlam Fire/Rescue No. 1 Hall, 1725 Broadway St. To register, volunteer or find out more, please visit www.portcoquitlam.ca or phone 604.927.5466.

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 building or plumbing 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 (however, gas or electrical permits may be required).

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.

BE BEAR AWARE & stay safe!



Port Coquitlam residents may encounter bears on trails, in parks and in their own backyards.

Sadly, bears and cubs are being destroyed because some residents aren't managing their waste.

ON TRAILS AND IN PARKS:

- Keep dogs leashed and in control.
- Make noise and/or wear a bear bell or keys on a string to prevent encounters.
- If you encounter a bear, slowly back up while talking to it.

AT HOME:

- NEVER feed a bear.
- Clean barbecues of food residue.
- Remove bird feeders March to December.
- Don't put trash out until 7 am on collection day.
- Pick fruit trees frequently and remove fallen fruit.

Most bear sightings do not require reporting, but if you see a bear eating garbage, being fed or behaving aggressively, call the Provincial Conservation Officer at 1-877-942-7277.

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH: HELPING OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS SERVE YOU BETTER

Each year, the City of Port Coquitlam includes a residential dispatch citizen information sheet with its water and sewer bills. Citizens are asked to provide local emergency personnel with information about special medical needs or cautionary notes about their property or home, such as:

- locations of children's bedrooms or extra dwelling units,
- special access instructions for your property, and
- hazardous materials storage or dangerous pets.

The information helps fire and emergency personnel tailor their response to your needs when called to your property.

The data is used for emergency response purposes only and must be updated each year. Simply fill out the form enclosed with your water and sewer bill or complete an online or PDF form at www.portcoquitlam.ca (Fire & Emergency Services > Computer Aided Dispatch).



The City of Port Coquitlam is entering year two of its 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. For information, visit www.portcoquitlam.ca (Citizen Services > Environmental Services > Purer Water > Water Conservation) or call 604.927.5420.