

## 2008 UTILITY INFORMATION

### Prepayments and/or tax credits

Tax credits from either prepayment plans or overpayments have been transferred to respective utility accounts to cover 2008 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 \$529.94 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. \$264.97).** 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, March 31, 2008 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 \$26.08; Townhouse \$25.20; Apartment \$24.90.

2008 utility bills are due: **Monday, March 31, 2008**

*A 5% penalty applies after March 31 and a further 5% applies after June 2*

*For more information about utility taxes or dog licences, contact the Tax Office at 604.927.5425 or [taxes@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:taxes@portcoquitlam.ca)*

## 2008 DOG LICENCES

**NEW!**  
Renew your dog licence online at [www.portcoquitlam.ca](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca)



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

LICENCE FEES FOR 2008	Before March 3	After March 3
Not spayed/neutered	\$80	\$95
Spayed/neutered	\$32	\$47

*For new licences or renewals, complete the form below and submit with payment and proof of spaying/neutering (for new licences) to:* Port Coquitlam City Hall, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam BC V3C 2A8

2008 dog licences are due: **Monday, March 3, 2008**

*Fees increase after due date*

## 2008 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**

# Wipe out graffiti with the 3 Rs

The City has partnered with local businesses to create a graffiti-removal program for homes and the Wipe Out Graffiti program for businesses.

Graffiti harms our community – it defaces buildings, reduces property values and invites other types of criminal activity. Here are some ways to keep graffiti from spreading:

- Clean up graffiti as soon as it appears – it is often easiest to remove then.
- Improve visibility of target areas with lighting, video cameras and by managing your landscaping.
- Consider using graffiti-resistant paints or products on your building.

And always remember to follow the three Rs:

**REACT!** Take action as soon as you notice graffiti. Don't ignore it.

**REPORT!** All activity should be reported immediately to the Community Policing Office, 604.927.2383, for tracking and enforcement.

**REMOVE!** Some paint stores offer discounts if you report an occurrence.

Visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca) for more details about our graffiti removal programs and for an on-line form for reporting graffiti occurrences to the police.

## HELP 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](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca) (Fire & Emergency Services > Computer Aided Dispatch).

## Hit It! – and get healthy!

Starting this spring, Port Coquitlam residents will be offered a number of new opportunities to adopt a more healthy and active lifestyle. The City recently acquired funding through a provincial community health promotion fund to start a variety of *Hit It!* (Healthy Initiatives Together Impacting Tomorrow) programs.

Initiatives will include a walking school bus starting this fall, a personal training studio starting this spring, and a Healthy Lifestyle Resource Centre opening in late spring/early summer that will feature an electronic kiosk and information on everything from healthy eating to fitness opportunities to bullying awareness.

Watch for details about these and other initiatives in future editions of the City's Leisure Guide and Update newsletters, and at [www.portcoquitlam.ca](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca).

**Just for youth:** [www.pocoyouth.com](http://www.pocoyouth.com)

Check out [www.pocoyouth.com](http://www.pocoyouth.com) for info about Youth Services programs, events, volunteer opportunities, resources, local youth centres, Railside Skate Park, the Shaughnessy Bike Skills Park and more. You can even view pictures, play free games, take a survey or submit details about an event you're planning. Cool new stuff is always being added. Check it out!

## Sign up for your e-update

Port Coquitlam residents can now sign up to receive the City's Update newsletters by email each month. The newsletters cover local events, public input opportunities, Parks and Recreation programs, new initiatives, project updates and more. They're a great way to stay connected with what's happening in our City.

Sign up by clicking the 'Sign up for Email Updates' link on the home page at [www.portcoquitlam.ca](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca). The City will ensure subscribers' email addresses will not be sold, given or traded to any third party, and the names collected will only be available to the list administrator. Subscribers can unsubscribe from the service at any time.

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## Volunteers

grow  
community

Participate  
& nominate!

Do you know an unsung hero?

The nomination deadline for the City of Port Coquitlam's 2008 Volunteer Recognition Awards & Tribute is March 28.

These annual awards recognize the volunteers who make Port Coquitlam a special place to live, and let them know their efforts are appreciated.

Nominations are accepted in six categories. Nomination forms will be available at City Hall and other City facilities or online at [www.portcoquitlam.ca](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca) as of late February.

For more information, visit our website, call 604.927.5410 or email [info@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:info@portcoquitlam.ca).

## Renovating this spring?

Owners of single-family homes in the City of Port Coquitlam who are renovating their bathrooms can take advantage of the City's Bathroom Fixture Replacement Rebate Program.

The program 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 our website, [www.portcoquitlam.ca](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca) (Citizen Services > Environmental Services > Purer Water > Water Conservation), or call 604.927.5420.

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use what you know

Let your skills make a difference.

## Consider a career with the City

Are you looking for a job that is close to home, rewarding and allows you to use your skills and experience?

The City of Port Coquitlam offers a dynamic work environment for motivated individuals in all fields who want to be challenged, to learn and to be part of a team that takes pride in providing stellar service to our community.

For details and opportunities, visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/jobs](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/jobs)

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