



## THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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### 2010 Water User Rates and Solid Waste Fees

**Please Note: In order to receive the 'Prompt Payment Discount' the Utility invoice must be paid by March 31, 2010.**

Water user rates have increased slightly over 2009 rates from \$500 to \$525 per year to reflect increases in the cost of water capital projects and operating expenses. The UV Water Treatment Project is nearing completion providing a multi-barrier approach (chlorine and UV treatment) to ensure that Lions Bay water meets or exceeds the federal guidelines for drinking water. The Solid Waste (garbage, recycling & yard trimmings) fee for a single family home has decreased this year from \$320 to \$305 as the contractor (Smithrite Disposal Ltd.) has agreed to absorb tipping fee increases and the Village agreed to a Friday pickup of all solid waste. Smithrite is now using a semi-automated system allowing them to also service approved bear-resistant garbage containers.

**Weekly yard trimmings pickup will also be on Fridays starting April 9 and continue through to November.**

**Smithrite Customer Service can be reached at 604-529-4030 if you have a missed pickup or questions regarding their service. Yard trimmings must be placed in kraft paper bags, biodegradable plastic bags or designated garbage cans for pickup.**

#### *Solid Waste Initiatives*

Lions Bay will participate in a VILLAGE CLEAN-UP WEEK program during the week of **April 19-23**, in an effort to clean up garbage and litter from our public areas. The program needs the active participation of our residents to make it a success! As part of our Village Clean-Up, residents are encouraged to ADOPT-A-BLOCK. Get together with your neighbours and organize a clean-it-up party or do it on your own. There will be free bags available at the Village Office, to be used for garbage picked up along the roads and ditches. Fill up the bags and leave them at the curbside. Smithrite will pick up the bags of litter on the next collection day. On **Monday & Tuesday, April 19 & 20**, the Works Crew will pick up large branches neatly piled outside residences. Also on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22 to 24** there will be an opportunity to drop off all that stuff you love to hate! Bring it down to the Public Works Yard between 8:30 am & 2:30 pm and the Crew will sort it into the appropriate bins for disposal. We ask that you do not bring any hazardous items.

#### *Get rid of your old fridge and receive \$30*

If you have a fridge that measures between 10-24 cubic feet and is still in working condition, BC Hydro will pick it up at no charge, recycle it, and give you \$30 for it. To find out more call **604-881-4357** or visit [www.BCHydro.com](http://www.BCHydro.com).

#### *Garbage and Bears Do Not Mix!*

The Lions Bay Bear Smart Committee reminds all residents that it is essential to store garbage so that it is completely inaccessible to bears. This is the biggest problem facing our wild bears. It is important to keep the bears moving through the Village and eating only natural food sources and not becoming habituated to garbage. The Bear Smart Committee recommends freezing particularly smelly (attractive!) items before adding them to the garbage (e.g. prawn shells). A fed bear is a dead bear! Please put garbage and recycling out **after 5 am on Fridays**.

#### *Official Child Fitness Receipts for 2009 Income Tax*

Parents or guardians of children under 16 years of age can claim a personal tax credit of up to \$500 per child paid towards qualifying fitness programs. Official receipts for amounts paid in 2009 for Tae Kwon Do, Dance or the Backyard Swim programs can now be picked up at the Village Office. For more information on the **Child Tax Credit visit: [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca)**.

#### *E-Post Messaging System*

Please provide us with your email address and we will send you emails regarding important events, meetings and messages. Contact [reception@lionsbay.ca](mailto:reception@lionsbay.ca) to be added to the list.