

Your Utility Fees At Work



Utilities Fund: Operating Budget = \$17.4 M | Capital Plan = \$17.3 M

The District of Squamish operates three utility funds: Water, Waste Water, Solid Waste. Sustainable funding for the three utilities is required for:

- Utility systems to expand to accommodate community growth.
- Ongoing upgrades and replacement of aging infrastructure.

Growth in the volume of customers in addition to rate increases contribute to the funding formula for utility rates.

UTILITIES BUDGET

	Operating	Capital
Water	\$4.6 M	\$3.3 M
Wastewater	\$6.7 M	\$12.5 M
Solid Waste	\$6.1 M	\$1.5 M
Total	\$17.4 M	\$17.3M

PREPARING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

			
Water System Repairs and Replacements	Lift Station Refurbishment & Replacement	Residual Water Management Long Term Planning	Contributions to Capital Reserves

WATER METERING PROGRAM UPDATE

Water meter installation is now complete. The District is currently working on an implementation plan towards charging metered customers based on their water usage versus a flat fee.

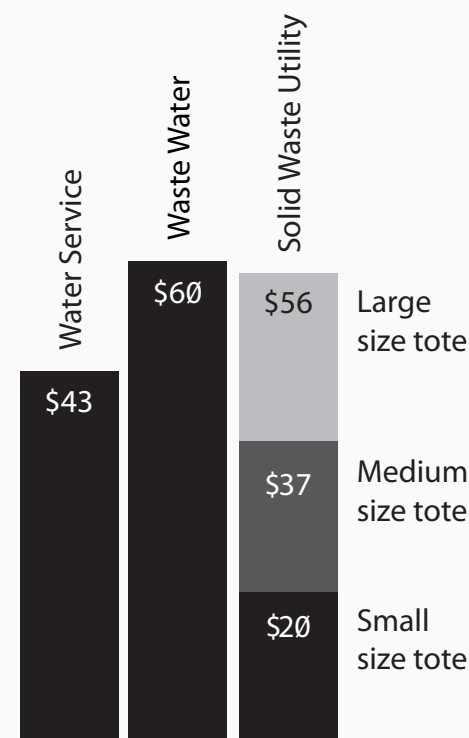
When the new billing structure rolls out, residents and commercial businesses in metered, stratified complexes and buildings will no longer receive a water or waste water utility bill directly from the District for their individual unit. Instead, strata councils of metered residential complexes and buildings will receive a quarterly bill for the water consumption of the building.

We will keep customers informed as we get closer to this implementation. Learn more and follow along at: squamish.ca/water-metering-faq

HOW YOUR RESIDENTIAL UTILITIES BILL BREAKS DOWN MONTHLY

\$140/month

Based on a medium size tote.



For Industrial, Commercial and Institutional utilities rates, visit squamish.ca/utilities

Want a larger or smaller garbage tote?

The request period for 2027 garbage tote size exchange is now open. The deadline is October 31, and the exchanges will occur in Spring 2027.

squamish.ca/totesize

Let's Talk Trash!



In 2025, more than

70%

of materials sent to the Squamish Landfill could have been recycled or composted instead.

*Squamish,
we can do better!*

The District of Squamish is looking to support waste diversion at businesses.

If your business needs assistance, contact zerowaste@squamish.ca



Check out what goes where with the Waste Wizard

Visit the website or download the Squamish Curbside Collection app.

squamish.ca/waste-wizard

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

**3
YEARS**

The Squamish Landfill is filling up rapidly and will reach capacity in the next **three years**.

**20%
COMPOSTABLE**

More than 20% of the materials received at the landfill is compostable, including **food waste**.

What's wrong with food waste in the landfill?

Food waste breaks down very slowly in the oxygen-free environment. Even worse, this process releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ✓ Recycle everything that can be recycled.
- ✓ Think before you recycle! Recycling contamination happens when material that is not accepted for curbside recycling goes into the curbside recycling tote. Common examples are books, glass, textiles, and electronics. Contamination also happens when recyclable materials are dirty, stacked, tied, or bundled in a plastic bag.
- ✓ Use depots and drop-off locations like the Squamish Bottle Depot, DOX Recycling Depot, London Drugs, Queens Way Recycle Depot, and Squamish Landfill Recycle Depot.
- ✓ Donate items to local charities, secondhand stores, and the textile and book bins set up around town.
- ✓ Check out the District's zero waste events like the Re-Use-It Fair and Kid's Clothing, Book, and Toys Swap.
- ✓ Businesses produce most of the waste received at the Squamish Landfill and play an important role in diverting waste. All businesses in Squamish, like residents, must separate their waste. Keep organics and food waste, and recyclable materials out of your landfill waste.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns email zerowaste@squamish.ca.