



Frequently Asked Questions Beaver Creek Water Rate Change

Beginning on July 1st, 2020, the allowable consumption included in the base water charge will be reduced from 36 m3 to 30 m3 per month (90 m3 per quarter). You are billed quarterly at a charge of \$155 for the previous 3 months of water usage.

Q. Will I see an increase in my bill?

A. Over 85% of properties will be unaffected by this change with their current consumption habits. A small portion of properties who use more than 30 m3 per month (90 m3 per quarter) will now be paying \$2 per cubic meter over than amount.

Q. I am worried that I will be one of those people, how do I find out if I will be affected?

A. If you look at your previous bills, you will see the consumption amount on the bill. If this is below 90 m3, you are unlikely to see an increase unless you are increasing your water usage. As shown below the quarterly consumption on this bill is 45 m3 which is half the allowable amount in the basic charge.

Account Details From: 15-Sep-2017

Code	Description	Date	Units	Amount
05 BC-SF	Beaver Creek Water Beaver Creek Water - Reside	04/10/17		155.00
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27409377	28/09/17 Current Reading: 1141.00	26/06/17 Prev. Reading: 1096.00	Consumption: 45.00 Cubic Meter	Current Levy 155.00

Q. How do I reduce the amount of water I consume?

A. The majority of water use is outdoors in the summer months. Consider saving rainwater to water gardens and shrubs. Reduce the amount of water used on lawns by letting lawn stay a minimum of 3 inches in length which allows it to shade itself and retain water. Lawns only require 1 inch of water per week or less. If you are watering, water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep root growth.

Q. Why was the volume reduced?

A. The ACRD is required to have a water conservation plan in place in order to be eligible for federal and provincial grant funding for capital projects to replace aging water mains. The recently adopted Beaver Creek Water Conservation Plan recommended various financial rate systems that would encourage conservation, including a reduction of the allowable amount to 60 m3 per quarter. The Beaver Creek Water Committee chose a larger allowable amount than recommended – which has set the 90m3 amount. More information on the rate changes and the water conservation plan are available on our website. www.acrd.bc.ca/beaver-creek-water

Q. How much is 30m3 of water? Is this a lower amount than other water systems?

A. Neighbouring water systems have lower allowable water limits within their base rate (Bamfield is 14 m3 per month and the City of Port Alberni has their threshold at 20 m3).