



FAQS

RURAL PROPERTY ADDRESSING

Why do we need Property Addressing?

The consistent numbering of buildings and suites in the ACRD, together with their street names, helps emergency response personnel, such as fire, ambulance, and police, find your property quickly during an emergency. The ACRD only addresses occupied properties so remote residences can be identified during emergencies.

What are the benefits of using addresses over a legal land location?

A civic address pinpoints the access to the property and the location of dwellings. The address provides emergency personnel with an effective tool to reduce response times.

How do I get my address?

During the building permit process. Addressing of a vacant lot may be requested prior to getting a building permit under specific circumstances. Some fees may apply in this case.

Who assigns the addresses?

The ACRD is the authority for all addressing within the Regional District. It assigns new numbers, issues changes as a result of renumbering, and also provides notifications to various emergency agencies. It maintains all current addresses in a computer system.

What do I do with my new address once I get it?

Addresses are to support emergency response. As per Bylaw No. R1018 assigned numbers shall be displayed in a position clearly visible from the road.

Is there a fee involved?

Fees may apply to addresses requested without an associated building permit.

I have more than one house on my parcel. Should I have more than one address?

Yes. Each dwelling must have a unique address.

If I live on a private road, how does Rural Addressing affect me?

Civic addressing is assigned to every occupied parcel in the ACRD regardless of whether you live on a public or private road.

What information do I need to get an address or to confirm an existing one?

The more information you can provide about where you live, the better. To help describe your location, you can use the legal land description, PID (property identifier) and tax roll number. Because of the size of some rural properties, we will need to know where the road access or approach is to the property in addition to building locations.

Do I have to post my Rural Address?

Yes. All existing properties with dwellings must have an address sign. The requirement is based on our mandate to ensure the same level of service for all residences in the ACRD. Address signage is crucial for efficient emergency response.

Are there standards for signs and standards for placement of signs?

Yes. According to ACRD House Numbering Bylaw No. R1018, the numbers should be not less than 8cm in height, on a contrasting background, and displayed in a secure position clearly visible from the road or main approach within 30 days of receiving an issued address from the ACRD.



Who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the address signs?

The property owner is responsible for the purchase, installation, maintenance and upkeep of the sign.

What if I have other questions?

For further information, contact the ACRD by email at mapping@acrd.bc.ca or by phone at 250-720-2700

More information available on our website: www.acrd.bc.ca

