



Starting this month, residents with curbside garbage collection will be required to put their food scraps in with their yard waste in their green lid carts, which will be collected every week year-round. The black lid garbage and blue lid recycling carts will be collected on alternating weeks. Every household should have received a “kitchen catcher” for their food scraps along with an information package to explain the change and what can and cannot go into the green cart.

Kitchen scraps make up about one-third of all residential waste collected each week from curbside garbage bins. When this organic waste is buried at the landfill, it produces methane – a poisonous greenhouse gas more potent than carbon dioxide. By diverting food scraps from the landfill, we not only deal with the methane but also extend the life of the landfill and help control operating costs.

Another benefit of collecting mixed kitchen and yard waste is that we can produce high quality compost full of nutrients and microbes for the benefit of local vegetable gardens and farmers’ fields. We are an agricultural region and a community full of passionate gardeners; a made-in-Summerland soil amender is in high demand.

~Mayor Doug Holmes

### 2024 Zoning Bylaw update (Bill 44, Bill 35, and parking)

Due to recent legislative changes from the Province of BC, the District’s Zoning bylaw is required to be updated to allow for up to four residential dwelling units in all single family and duplex zones connected to the District’s utilities. As a result, District staff have prepared draft amendments to the District’s Zoning bylaw that are required by the Province to be adopted by **June 30, 2024**.

District planning staff will be hosting two open houses for residents to learn more about the District’s Zoning bylaw changes:

**Open House 1:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Open House 2:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Location:** George Ryga Arts and Cultural Centre, 9525 Wharton St. (2nd floor)

**Presentation:** 4:00 PM (both days)

To learn more about the proposed zoning changes and how your property may be impacted, please visit [www.summerland.ca/2024zoningbylawupdate](http://www.summerland.ca/2024zoningbylawupdate).

### Save the date for Giant’s Head Run 40th Anniversary

Saturday, June 1st

**\*NEW TIME\*** 9:00 AM rise & shine race start!

Registration NOW OPEN at

[www.runningroom.com](http://www.runningroom.com) or in person at the Aquatic & Fitness Centre.

For more information, visit [www.summerland.ca/ghr](http://www.summerland.ca/ghr).

Kids Fun Zone will include inflatables from Par-T-Perfect, an obstacle course from SportBall Okanagan, and post race refreshments. Over \$2,500 in draw prizes.

Register early to secure a prized 40th Anniversary race shirt which is guaranteed to the first 400 registrants. Early bird pricing ends **May 12, 2024**.



### Food waste collection April 2

The District of Summerland started collecting food scraps with yard waste from residential homes the week of **April 2, 2024**. Food waste includes all left-over cooked food, meat, fish, bones, bread, fruits and vegetables. It also includes food soiled paper such as coffee filters, paper tea bags, used paper plates, and food soiled napkins. Some key changes:

- Yard waste with food scraps will be collected each week
- Garbage collection will happen every two weeks
- Recycling collection will stay the same

If you have questions, please email [works@summerland.ca](mailto:works@summerland.ca)

### BC Affordability Credit

The provincial government is working with the District of Summerland to roll out another provincially funded affordability credit. More information to follow in an upcoming newsletter.

### Open burning ends April 15

Open burning within the District of Summerland is only permitted during the burning season on properties greater than two acres. A valid open burning permit obtained from the Summerland Fire Department is required. **All backyard burning is strictly prohibited.** The season will end **April 15, 2024** and will re-open on **October 15, 2024**. For information call the Fire Department at 250-494-7211.



### Giant’s Head Mountain Trails Project (Phases 3 & 4)

Project works over the next eight months include a new washroom building at the park entrance, wildfire hazard remediation works, road upgrades, upper parking lot circulation, Grind trail from upper parking lot, pit toilet upgrades, trail erosion control measures, remedial planting and invasive weed management, First Nations signage, trail repairs, and reinforcement of decommissioned trails. Expect to see crews on the mountain and please use the park with caution.



### Utility bill equal payment plan

If you are currently on the utility bill equal payment plan, April is the reconciliation month. The total amount due on your April invoice will reflect the difference between the utility charges to date and the monthly payments received.

If the account has been underpaid, the payment will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the **May 29** due date to bring the utility account balance to zero. If the account has been overpaid, your account will show a credit, which will carry over to next month’s invoice. The May utility invoice will reflect your new recalculated equal payment amount (**June 26** due date). Those wanting to be on the utility equal payment plan have until **May 17** to apply. Please call **(250) 404-4047** for more information.

### Giant’s Head Mountain Park road hours

Starting **April 15**, the Giant’s Head Mountain Park Road gate will be open for vehicles **12:00 noon – 9:00 PM** Monday to Saturday and closed on Sundays.

**NOTE:** Road closures may be in place early in the season for the Trails Project works. Check Facebook or call **250-494-0447** for closure information. Information signs will also be posted at the park entrance.

### Beach vending

The District of Summerland is now accepting applications for beach vending at our local beaches (Peach Orchard, Rotary, and Powell). For more information, visit [www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/parks-recreation-vending-opportunities](http://www.summerland.ca/parks-recreation/parks-recreation-vending-opportunities).



### Save the date

#### Earth Week April 21-27

April 21: Planting event with the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) and Earth Day fair! More event updates will be posted closer to the date at [www.summerland.ca/earthweek](http://www.summerland.ca/earthweek)

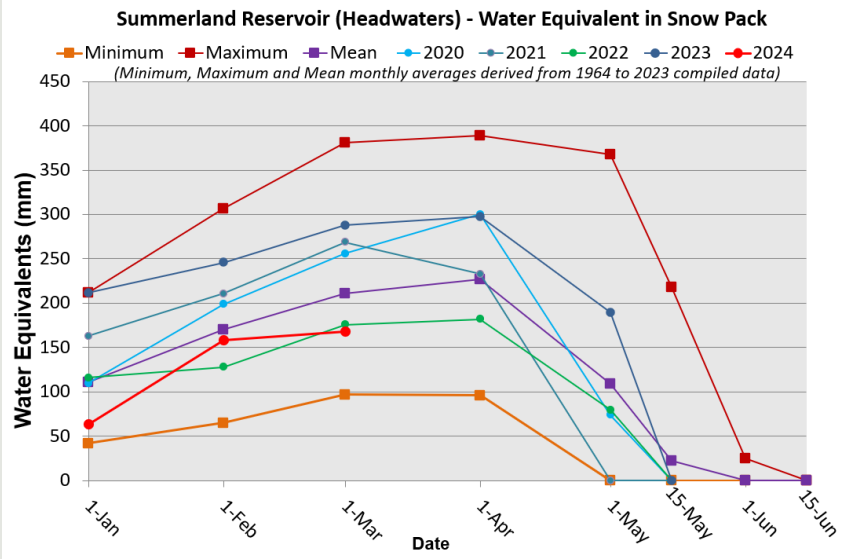


## Snow pack

Snow course survey data is gathered from two locations within the District's watershed every month from the beginning of the year until there is no snow left. Results are posted at [www.summerland.ca/city-services/utilities/water/snow-course-survey](http://www.summerland.ca/city-services/utilities/water/snow-course-survey). As of March 1, 2024, the snow survey showed the Summerland Reservoir (Headwaters) at 80% and Isintok Lake at 91% of their historical averages.

Each year following irrigation season, the reservoirs are lowered to predetermined levels to provide storage for the upcoming spring freshet water. The most significant factor during freshet is the speed of the snow melt which can increase with substantial rain. To manage the risk, staff regularly monitor the dams and meet routinely to discuss if adjustments to the outlet flows are required to compensate for anticipated volume of incoming water.

Please be reminded that it is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure that debris and obstacles do not restrict water flow in any way. Property owners should identify areas on their property that may be subject to flooding and take the necessary precautionary measures to protect these areas.



## Spring sweeping

The District of Summerland started spring sweeping on March 11 and will accelerate the cleanup process in April as additional street sweeping equipment becomes available. It is anticipated that Summerland's 175 kilometres of roads will be swept by the end of April. We thank everyone for their patience while equipment is working.



## Ongoing and upcoming projects

- **Prairie Valley Road Upgrade and Watermain Replacement from Cartwright Avenue to Morrow Avenue** - This will incorporate a 300mm water mainline pipe replacement and a full road upgrade to accommodate heavy industrial vehicles and a new multi-use lane on north side of road. The project is anticipated to start this summer, with completion in 2025.
- **Rotary Beach Park Pier Replacement** - Upon receipt of the required provincial approvals, replacement of the Rotary Pier began on March 7. Following piling installation, decking installation will occur in April and May, with an anticipated opening date of Summer 2024.
- **Victoria Road South Storm Drainage Upgrade** - The remainder of the storm drainage will be installed this spring including new paving and concrete curbing.
- **Dale Meadows Watermain Replacement Phase 2** - Watermain replacement and road rehabilitation will continue along Dale Meadows Road from Gould Avenue to Haddrell Avenue. There will be some road closures to accommodate the work in the area. This project is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2024.
- **Isintok Dam Spillway Upgrade** - The existing spillway will be widened to meet Dam Safety regulations. This will include an access road bridge over the spillway channel.
- **Source Water Protection Plan** - A plan is being developed to help determine actions to be taken to protect our source water quality and quantity.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Upgrade** - A second primary clarifier will be constructed to meet Municipal Wastewater Regulations, which will allow for maintenance and repairs to the existing clarifier and to create additional capacity for future growth.

## Keep up to date

The District posts community updates to our website and Facebook account. Council meetings can be viewed on the District's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland](http://www.youtube.com/c/DistrictofSummerland)

website: [summerland.ca](http://summerland.ca)

Facebook: [facebook.com/SummerlandBC](https://facebook.com/SummerlandBC)

Sign up for our monthly newsletter online:

[www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/newsletter-subscribe)

Check out the Mayor's podcast on all major streaming platforms or on the District's website: [www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor-s-podcast](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/mayor-council/mayor-s-podcast)

## No invasive plants in the green cart

Summerland residents have recently been notified of changes to curbside collection. As a reminder, do not put invasive plants in your green lid cart for curbside pickup.



Composting, whether at home or at a landfill, is not an effective disposal method for invasive plants. Seeds of invasive plants such as hoary alyssum and knapweed are usually not killed in the composting process. Other plants such as knotweed, morning glory and several kinds of grasses can re-sprout from their roots and stems. Improper disposal of yard waste can result in the spread of invasive plants in yards, landfills and neighbourhoods.

Invasive plants should be carefully bagged or loaded into the back of a truck (covered with a tarp or canopy) and disposed of at the landfill. Inform the landfill operator that you have invasive plants to ensure that they are disposed in the proper location. Tipping fees are waived for landfill disposal of invasive plants within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen. For more information, visit [www.oasiss.ca/how-do-i](http://www.oasiss.ca/how-do-i)

## One-day recycling depot—April 20

Summerland Arena Recycling Compound, 8820 Jubilee Road  
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday, April 20, 2024



Bring your glass jars/non-refundable bottles, white and coloured foam packaging, plastic bags and overwrap, other flexible plastic packaging, residential batteries, lightbulbs, electronics, TVs, and small appliances to the Summerland Arena Recycling Compound and help us keep recyclables out of our landfill. Staff will be on hand to answer questions on how to sort and place your recyclable materials.

## Unlimited yard & garden waste curbside collection – week of April 30 to May 3

Plan your major yard work around the week of **April 30 to May 3**. Place your unlimited yard & garden waste in containers labelled "Yard Waste Only" (stickers are available free at Municipal Hall) or in kraft paper bags the week of April 30 to May 3 on your regular collection day.



For more information regarding the Curbside Collection Program, visit [www.summerland.ca/solidwaste](http://www.summerland.ca/solidwaste) or email [works@summerland.ca](mailto:works@summerland.ca).

## Canyon View Cemetery spring maintenance

Spring maintenance will commence at Canyon View Cemetery on **May 1, 2024**. Part of the maintenance work will be the removal of offerings that do not meet the requirements of the District's Cemetery Bylaw 2012-016 which can be found online [www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/bylaws-policies](http://www.summerland.ca/your-city-hall/bylaws-policies). The public is asked to assist in this cleanup by removing any offerings that do not meet the following guidelines by **April 30, 2024**. Offerings that the District removes will be photographed, tagged, and stored for sixty days at the Works and Infrastructure Department. Flowers or floral arrangements that have wilted or have become unsightly will be removed and discarded. Although care will be taken while removing offerings, the District is unable to accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged offerings.