



## THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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### **2011 Water User Rate, Secondary Suite Surcharge, and Solid Waste Fee (Garbage, Recycling, and Green Waste)**

**Please Note: In order to receive the 'Prompt Payment Discount' the Utility Tax Notice must be paid by Thursday, March 31, 2011.**

Water User rates are increasing slightly over the 2010 rates, from \$ 525 to \$ 538 per year, to reflect the increase in the cost of water capital projects and operating expenses. The UV Water Treatment Project is completed and now provides a multi barrier approach, chlorine and UV treatment, to ensure Lions Bay water meets or exceeds the federal guidelines for drinking water. We are continuing our water main replacement projects with the lower Lions Bay area in 2011.

Included with the Utility Tax bill this year is a tear-off portion for property owners to report whether there is a Secondary Suite on the property, whether it is occupied, and whether family members are the occupants. The Surcharge is not automatically imposed, and no signature is required.

The Solid Waste fee, garbage, recycling, and green yard waste, for a single family residence is increasing from \$305 to \$358. Contributing factors to the increase are the tipping fees we pay, which are rising 18.29% this year, as well as increases in our garbage tonnage. The continued efforts of the community to recycle are recognized as indicated by the amount of recycling and yard waste tonnage picked up, which are also increasing.

**Bi-Weekly yard trimmings pickup will also be on Fridays starting March 11 and will continue through to November 18.**

**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, or designated garbage cans for pickup.**

#### ***Solid Waste Initiatives***

Lions Bay will participate in a VILLAGE CLEAN-UP WEEK program, as part of Pitch-In Canada Week, during the week of **April 18-24**, 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. 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.

During the week of **April 18**, the Works Crew will pick up large branches neatly piled outside residences. Also on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 21 to 23** there will be an opportunity to drop off all those goodies that are no longer treasured! Bring these goodies down to the Public Works Yard between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm, and the Crew will sort them 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!***

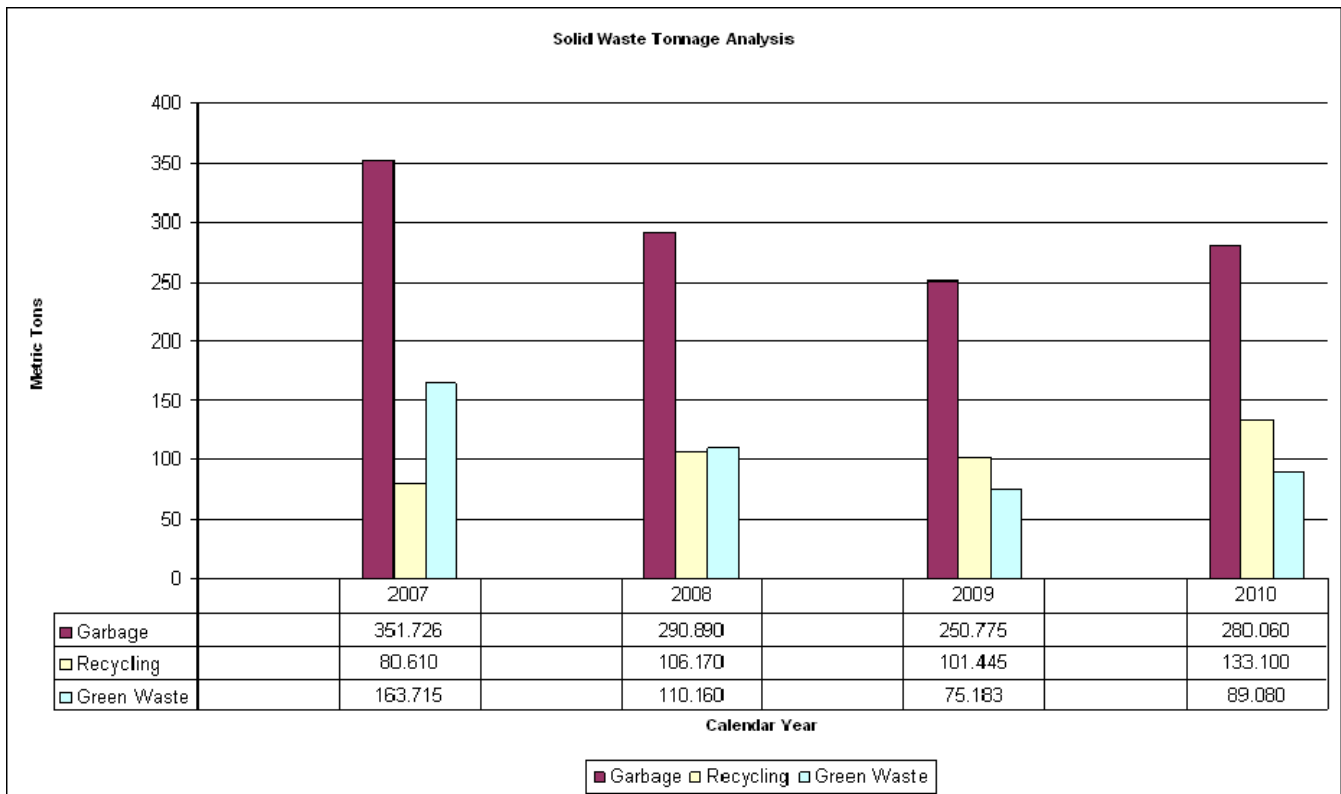
The Lions Bay Bear Smart Committee reminds all residents that it is essential to store garbage so that it is completely inaccessible to bears - this is the biggest problem facing our wild bears. It is important to keep the bears moving through the Village, eating only natural food sources and not becoming 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 2010 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 2010 for Tae Kwon Do, Dance, Sportball, 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 add you to our mailing list to send you emails regarding important events, meetings, messages, and emergency notifications. Contact [reception@lionsbay.ca](mailto:reception@lionsbay.ca) to be added to the list.



### **Garbage Collection: Every Friday**

Residents are requested to put their garbage at curbside after 5:00 am on collection day to avoid attracting wildlife. A limit of 2 garbage cans per home applies, container must be 121L or smaller. If residents have additional cans for collection, please call Smithrite or the Village Office, and make arrangements for the additional bags, at a cost of \$ 4.00 per extra bag.



### **Recycling Collection: Every Friday**

Plastics (# 1 through # 7), glass, aluminum, tin, corrugated cardboard, newspaper, mixed paper and tetra paks are all recyclable products except for 'styrofoam-type' plastic products. Recycling is to be placed at curbside after 5:00 am on the morning of pickup.



### **Yard Trimmings: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, Starting Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Bundle and tie the branches. Branches must be less than 3 inches in diameter and bundles no greater than 3 feet long. Green Waste must be placed in Brown Kraft Green Waste bags. Rocks and dirt not permitted. Please keep your green waste bags dry and under cover until very close to pick-up day.

For More Information, please contact: Smithrite Disposal Customer Service at 604-529-4030.