

Water Sustainability Act
Water Use Purposes and Detailed Fees and Rentals in Effect
February 29 2016

Note: Unless specified, all rates apply to both surface water and groundwater. Domestic groundwater users do not pay fees as they are excluded from licensing requirements.

CATEGORY OF WATER USE PURPOSE	APPLICATION FEE – WATER LICENCE, USE APPROVAL [\\$]	ANNUAL WATER RENTAL		APPLICATION FEE – CHANGE TO WATER LICENCE, USE APPROVAL [\\$]
		VOLUMETRIC FEE [\$/1000m ³ , UNLESS INDICATED AS ‘FLAT’]	ANNUAL MINIMUM [\\$]	
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Conservation Water Use Purpose				
"conservation purpose" means the diversion, retention or use of water for the purpose of conserving fish or wildlife and includes the construction of works for that purpose				
Conservation Use	250	0.02	25	125
Storage associated with conservation use	250	25 (flat)	25	125
Construction of works in and about a stream – associated with conservation purpose	250	25 (flat)	25	125
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Domestic Water Use Purpose				
"domestic purpose" means the use of water for household purposes by the occupants of, subject to the regulations, one or more private dwellings, other than multi-family apartment buildings, including, without limitation, hotels and strata titled or cooperative buildings, located on a single parcel, including, without limitation, the following uses: (a) drinking water, food preparation and sanitation; (b) fire prevention; (c) providing water to animals or poultry kept (i) for household use, or (ii) as pets; (d) irrigation of a garden not exceeding 1 000 m ² that is adjoining and occupied with a dwelling				
Water Sustainability Regulation Schedule A section 1 For the purposes of the definition of “domestic purpose” in section 2 [water use purposes] of the Act, “garden” includes lawn.				
Domestic	250	2.25	100	125
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Industrial Water Use Purpose				
"industrial purpose" means a use of water designated by regulation as a use for an industrial purpose, but does not include the use of water for any other water use purpose				
Bulk shipment for marine transfer	n/a – Granting of a water licence is prohibited under the <i>Water Protection Act</i> . Cannot accept an application for this category of water use purpose	2.25	200	1000
Camps and public facilities	250	2.25	50	125
Commercial Enterprise	1000	2.25	200	500
Cooling	1000	2.25	200	500
Crop harvesting, protection and composting	250	0.85	50	125
Fish hatchery	250-1000	200	0.11	250
Fresh water bottling	1000-5000	200	2.25	500-1000
Greenhouse and nursery	250	0.85	50	125
Heat exchange	1000	2.25	200	500
Ice and snow making	1000	2.25	200	500

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Lawn, fairway and garden	250	50	0.85	125
Livestock and animal	250	50	0.85	125
Miscellaneous industrial	1000	200 (flat)	200	500
Pond and aquaculture	250	50 (flat)	50	125
Processing and manufacturing	1000	2.25	200	500
Pulp mill	1000-10,000	1.30 (quantity actually used) + 0.85 (difference between quantity actually used and licensed quantity)	200	1000
Residential heat exchange	250	2.25	50	125
Swimming pool	250	50 (flat)	50	125
Vehicle and equipment	1000	2.25	200	500
Waste management	1000	2.25	200	500
Well drilling and transportation or utility corridor management	1000	2.25	200	500
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Irrigation Water Use Purpose				
"irrigation purpose" means the use of water on cultivated land or hay meadows to nourish crops or on pasture to nourish forage;				
Water conveyed by a local provider for irrigation purpose	500	50	0.85	250
Private irrigation	250-1000	50	0.85	125-250
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Land improvement Water Use Purpose				
"land improvement purpose" means the diversion or impounding of water to				
(a) protect land,				
(b) facilitate the development of a recreational facility or of a park or other protected area,				
(c) facilitate the reclamation, drainage or other improvement of land, or				
(d) carry out a project of a nature similar to a project described in paragraph (b) or (c);				
Land improvement - general	250	50 (flat)	50	125
Land improvement for rehabilitation or remediation purposes	500	50 (flat)	50	250
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Mineralized Water Use Purpose				
"mineralized water purpose" means				
(a) the bottling and commercial distribution of water so impregnated with mineral salts, elements or gases as to potentially give the water therapeutic properties, or				
(b) the use in commercial bathing pools of water that is				
(i) impregnated with mineral salts, elements or gases, or				
(ii) naturally at a temperature suitable for that use;				
Commercial bathing pool	1000	2.25	200	500
Bottling and commercial distribution	1000-10,000	2.25	200	1000
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Mining Water Use Purpose				
"mining purpose" means				
(a) the use of water, including the use of water under pressure, for recovering minerals from the ground or from ore, or				
(b) the use of water under pressure to move earth, sand, gravel or rock;				
Hydraulic mining	500-1000	1.30	200	500
Placer mining	500-1000	1.30	200	500
Processing ore	1000-10,000	2.25	200	1000
Washing coal	1000-10,000	2.25	200	1000

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Oil and Gas Water Use Purpose				
"oil and gas purpose" means the use of water in the development of petroleum or natural gas wells or the production of petroleum or natural gas resources				
Oil field injection – non deep groundwater	1000-10,000	2.25	200	1000
Oil field injection – deep groundwater	1000-10,000	0	0	1000
Hydraulic fracturing – non deep groundwater	1000-10,000	2.25	200	1000
Hydraulic fracturing – deep groundwater	1000-10,000	0	0	1000
Drilling	1000	2.25	200	500
<i>Water Sustainability Act section 2</i>				
Power Water Use Purpose				
"power purpose" means the use of water in the production of electricity or other power				
Residential	250	0.02	200	125
Commercial	$\leq 1\text{MW} - \$1/\text{kW}$ of proposed construction capacity $>1\text{MW} - \$1/\text{kW}$ for 1 st MW of proposed construction capacity and \$0.25 for each additional kW Minimum – 250 Maximum – 10,000	Formula (see Water Fees, Rentals, and Charges Tariff Regulation)	211.63 indexed	500-1000
General	$\leq 1\text{MW} - \$1/\text{kW}$ of proposed construction capacity $>1\text{MW} - \$1/\text{kW}$ for 1 st MW of proposed construction capacity and \$0.25 for each additional kW Minimum – 250 Maximum – 10,000	Formula (see Water Fees, Rentals, and Charges Tariff Regulation)	211.63 indexed	500-1000
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Storage Water Use Purpose				
"storage purpose" means the impounding and retention of water for subsequent use for a water use purpose				
Storage – stream – non power	250-5000	0.02	25	250-1000
Storage – stream – power	250-5000	0.02	25	250-1000
Storage – aquifer – non power	250-5000	0.02	25	250-1000
Storage – aquifer – power	250-5000	0.02	25	250-1000
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Waterworks Water Use Purpose				
"waterworks purpose" means the carriage or supply of water by one person or entity for the use in British Columbia of another person or entity				

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Water conveyed and used by a local provider for waterworks purpose	1000-10,000	2.25	200	1000
Water conveyed for waterworks purpose by a person other than a local provider	1000	2.25	200	500
Water sales	1000-10,000	2.25	200	500-1000
Water delivery	1000	2.25	200	500