

# Agricultural Water Rate

## Infrastructure and Water Services

### Capital Regional District | 2026

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has provided an agricultural water rate through the Regional Water Supply Service since 2002. The rate was implemented with the objective of supporting local food (fruits, vegetables and livestock) and feed production within the Region.

#### Who is eligible?

Properties in Colwood, Langford, Metchosin, View Royal, Sooke, parts of Highlands and electoral area East Sooke that hold a BC Assessment farm classification are eligible to receive the rate subject to provision of [CRD Bylaw No. 2570](#) which sets out how the rate applies. The agricultural water rate applies to all customers who receive water from the Regional Water Supply System. The CRD administers this rate for Juan de Fuca customers. Other municipalities administer the rate on behalf of their municipality.

The 2026 CRD Agricultural Water rate remains at \$0.2105 per cubic metre.

#### How do I apply?

Application forms are available at Infrastructure and Water Services. A copy of your current BC Assessment Authority notice must accompany your application. To continue to qualify for the agricultural rate, a copy of your BC Assessment Authority notice is required by March 31 each year.

#### How am I billed?

##### Agriculture Only Meter

If you have an Agriculture Only connection (a meter that does not supply water to a residence), billing will be once every two months at the agricultural rate.

##### Agriculture/Residential Meter

If you have an Agriculture/Residential connection (a meter that supplies water to a residence and for agricultural purposes), annual consumption over 455 cubic metres will be billed at the agricultural water rate as established in [CRD Bylaw No. 2605](#).

Every two months beginning with the first bill of the calendar year, consumption will be billed at the residential rate. Once the 455 cubic metre threshold for the year has been met, the balance will be billed at the agricultural water rate. (see table below)

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	Total Consumption According to Meter	Consumption Billed At Residential Rate	Consumption Billed at Agricultural Rate
First Water Bill	100	100	000
Second Water Bill	200	200	000
Third Water Bill	175	155	20
Fourth Water Bill	150	000	150
Fifth Water Bill	100	000	200
Sixth Water Bill	100	000	100
<b>Year End Totals</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>370</b>