

# 2026 Water Rates

## Highland & Fernwood Water Service Area

Capital Regional District | Effective January 1, 2026

### Explanation of annual costs per resident

- The Capital Regional District bills Salt Spring Island residents on a quarterly cycle.
- The total annual Fixed Use Charge is divided into quarterly payments and is based on a single-family dwelling unit or equivalent.
- The Water Consumption Charge is based on your metered use each quarter and billed accordingly.
- The Parcel Tax is an annual fee and will appear separately on your property tax bills.

|  | 2025   | 2026   |
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| FIXED USE CHARGE                             | \$340.27/ quarter<br>(\$1,361.06 total annual) | \$359.56/ quarter<br>(\$1,438.22 total annual) |
| WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE                     |  |  |
| 0 to 38 m <sup>3</sup>                       | \$0.64   | \$0.64   |
| 38 m <sup>3</sup> to 106 m <sup>3</sup>      | \$2.00   | \$2.00   |
| Over 106 m <sup>3</sup>                      | \$5.13   | \$5.13   |
| PARCEL TAX<br>(appears on property tax bill) | \$277.37                                       | \$305.10                                       |

**Note:** 1 cubic metre (1 m<sup>3</sup>) = 1,000 litres = 220 imperial gallons

| Highland Only Water Service                   | 2025    | 2026    |
|---|---------|---------|
| PARCEL TAX<br>(appears on property tax bill)  | \$35.40 | \$56.68 |
| No additional Fixed Use or Consumption Charge |         |         |

| Fernwood Only Water Service                   | 2025    | 2026    |
|---|---------|---------|
| PARCEL TAX<br>(appears on property tax bill)  | \$67.07 | \$26.21 |
| No additional Fixed Use or Consumption Charge |         |         |

### Additional information

- Watch for notice of meeting date for the Highland & Fernwood Water Service Annual General Meeting in the spring of 2026.
- 2026 Parcel Tax, which is subject to change, is based on the CRD's Financial Plan. The Financial Plan, with possible revisions, will receive final approval by the CRD Board in March of 2026.
- Payment is due within 30 days of issuing the water bill. A late payment charge of 1.5% will be added after the billing due date.

For more information on the governance structure and function of your water service, please see the Committees & Commissions section of the CRD website at [www.crd.ca](http://www.crd.ca).

Report water emergencies toll-free at 1.855.822.4426. Billing questions toll-free at 1.800.663.4425 (ask for utility billing).