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2026 PROPERTY TAXES - IMPORTANT DATES

Property taxes are due by Thursday, July 2, 2026. Home Owner Grants must be claimed by July 2, 2026. Visit the Province of BC's website **https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/property-taxes/annual-property-tax/home-owner-grant/apply** to apply online.

A 10% penalty will be applied July 3, 2026 to any balances that are unpaid, including unclaimed Home Owner Grants.

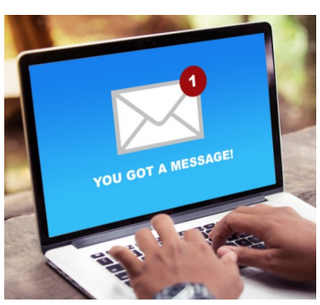
Payment of Property Taxes

- In Person - Finance Department with Cash, Interac, or Cheque (post dated cheques are also accepted)
- Online Banking (internet or phone) - please allow 3-5 business days
- Credit Card (online only) - a 2.5% processing fee is collected by the credit card provider at the time of payment

2026 Property Tax notices will be sent in the mail the last week of May. If you wish to go paperless and receive your notice by email, please sign up for Online Services **before May 13**.

ONLINE SERVICES

Go Paperless with Online Services!



Signing up for **Online Services** is a convenient, reliable, and environmentally friendly way to receive your bills. Bills are delivered directly to your email, helping you stay organized and ensuring timely access, without relying on mail delivery.

Once registered, your account can be easily accessed and managed through the Town's Online Services website, anytime and from anywhere.

Instructions are available at **www.oliver.ca/onlineservices**.

SPRING CHIPPING

The Town will once again be offering **Spring Chipping Services** to residents during the week of **April 13 - 17**.

Municipal crews will be collecting branches 1/2" up to 4" in diameter for chipping. Crews are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes of chipping per residence; therefore, residents will need to make their own arrangements to dispose of large volumes of chipping items.

Please ensure that all material is clean and free of any dirt or debris, including nails, plastic or wire. Branches containing these materials will not be picked up. It is preferred that materials be neatly bundled to allow a larger volume to be chipped within the designated time limit. Please place bundles on the boulevard only, as crews will not enter private property.

Please ensure branches are placed curbside by 7:00am, on Monday, April 13.

For more information, contact the Town of Oliver's Public Works office at 250-485-6213.

OLIVER & DISTRICT RECREATION UPDATE

NEW Pool Registration Procedures for 2026

The Recreation Department is asking that residents verify their addresses in person prior to registration opening. This step will allow for priority registration for pool lessons for residents of Oliver, RDOS Area "C" and Osoyoos Indian Band.

To ensure you have access to priority registration, please visit the Recreation Office at 6359 Park Drive and present ID showing your current address. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Spring Pool Registration Dates

- Monday, April 20 - Verified Resident of Oliver, RDOS Area "C", and Osoyoos Indian Band registration
- Tuesday, April 21 - Non-Resident registration

Summer Pool Registration

- Monday, June 8 - Verified Resident of Oliver, RDOS Area "C", and Osoyoos Indian Band registration
- Tuesday, June 9 - Non-Resident registration

The Oliver & District Community Pool will open for the 2026 season on Saturday, May 16. Memberships can be purchased at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. To view the public swimming schedule, please visit: **www.oliver.ca/recreation**.

Oliver 10K & 3K Race - Sunday, April 12

Road Race #4 in the Interior Running Association series, is a flat, scenic run along the Okanagan River channel and around the Oliver Community Park. This is a great event for runners of all abilities and experience.

Refreshments, awards and door prizes will follow the race.
3K starts at 9:15am
10K starts at 10:00am
Register at www.raceroster.com.

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COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN PHASE 2 UPDATE

Phase 2 of **Oliver's Official Community Plan** (OCP) update is well underway. The OCP is the Town's long-term guiding document for how the community will grow over the next 20+ years. Following Council's adoption of the Phase 1 OCP update in February, residents have shared valuable feedback through engagement events, a downtown walking tour, and an online survey.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Stay tuned for more ways to get involved as another round of public engagement is scheduled to begin in May.

Visit: **www.oliver.ca/communityplan** to stay informed.

SPRING FIRESMART YARD MAINTENANCE

Don't Let Dead Cedars Become a Hazard!

Spring is the perfect time to give your yard a fresh start, and that includes taking care of dead or dying cedar trees.

Dead cedars are highly flammable. Their dry, resin-rich wood and fallen needles act like kindling, allowing fire to ignite and spread quickly. They also weaken over time, increasing the risk of branches or entire trees falling without warning.

Keeping dead vegetation on your property isn't just a safety concern, it's a Bylaw issue. In Oliver, Good Neighbour Bylaw 1357 prohibits the build up of dead landscaping, and Fire Control Bylaw 1369 considers accumulations of combustible materials a potential fire hazard.

What You Can Do This Spring

- Inspect your yard for dead or dying trees
- Remove fallen needles, branches, and wood debris
- Arrange for proper removal or disposal of dead landscaping
- Consider FireSmart landscaping around your home

To learn more, please visit: **www.oliver.ca/firesmart**.

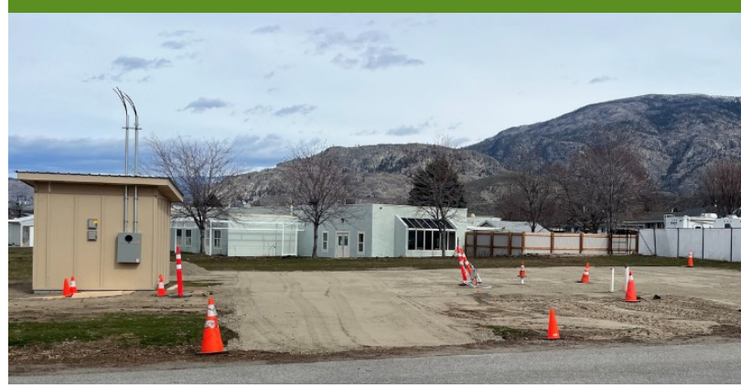
COUNCIL COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT

Get Involved - Join a Council Committee

We're currently recruiting for members to join the Town's **Accessibility and Age-Friendly Committee** and **Sister City Advisory Committee**. These committees provide an opportunity to influence important initiatives that strengthen community connections and improve quality of life for residents.

For more information or to apply, please visit: **www.oliver.ca/council-committees**.

HOUSING FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS



Housing For Healthcare Workers Coming Soon!

The Town of Oliver is pleased to share that the housing project for visiting healthcare professionals is well under way. Site preparation is complete, and we look forward to welcoming the two 2 bedroom units in mid April.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, effort, and financial support towards this initiative!

BUILDING PERMIT HUB

Thinking about a renovation, conversion, or secondary suite?

Before picking up a hammer, make sure you're set up for success. Understanding permits, zoning rules, and timelines before work begins can save you stress, money, and delays. Our building permit hub will walk you through what to check for before works starts, to help you avoid delays and keep your project on track.

To learn more, please visit: **www.oliver.ca/building.**

STATION STREET MARKET

The **Station Street Market** will kick off its third season on Sunday, May 31! The market will be located in the beautiful grass area just off Station Street, between the Visitor Information Centre and the Coast Hotel.

The market will continue to welcome visitors on Sundays, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, from May 31 to September 27.

There will be no markets on:

- June 14 during the Oliver Sunshine Festival
- September 20 during the Festival of the Grape

We encourage residents to attend these events at the Oliver Community Centre.

Visit: **https://stationstreetmarket.ca/index.html** for more information or to download the vendor application.