

<u>Next Council</u> <u>Meeting</u>

Monday, July 21, 2025 Monday, August 11, 2025

Agendas close at noon

If you would like to appear as a delegation, or have an item added to the agenda, please contact the Village office prior to noon on the following dates for the upcoming meetings:

Thursday, July 17 2025

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Contact the Council

Mayor McMynn: dmcmynn.midwaybc@shaw.ca

ICBC & Motor Vehicles

The Village of Midway Office offers all of your ICBC Autoplan and Drivers Services needs.

Tree Recycling Facility

Is open for the 2025 season.

Branches or bushes that have been pruned must have a diameter of 6" or less. **Property Taxes** - The deadline for paying taxes and utility fees is **Wednesday July 2, 2025 at 4:30pm**. Any outstanding amounts after that date will incur a 10% penalty. The Village can accept cash, cheque, e-transfer (send to:

midwayfinance@shaw.ca) or debit (<u>no</u> <u>credit cards</u>) and as payment. Post-dated cheques to July 2, 2025 are accepted but post-marks will not be accepted. Please remember that if you haven't paid for your Water and Sewer utilities that they are also due by July 2, 2025. If you are new to Midway, please contact the office to make sure we have your current mailing address.

There are a number of homeowner grants still not claimed. Please ensure you claim your grant before the July 2 deadline. The 10% penalty will be applied to the current outstanding amount, including the amount you could have saved by claiming your grant. Even if you have a mortgage, you still need to claim the grant. If you can't pay the full amount by July 2, claim the grant so it reduces the 10% penalty.

Canada Day Celebrations - Early reminder that the Village plans to have fireworks as part of the Canada Day celebrations (weather and fire risk pending). If you have pets that will be startled or scared by the loud noises, please ensure that they are in a secure and safe place.

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Landfill Hours of Operation

- <u>Rock Creek</u> Monday, Thursday, Saturday: 10am-3pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm
- <u>Greenwood</u> Tuesday, Friday, Saturday: 9am-4pm

Battery Recycling

Drop off your dead household batteries in the red box at the Village Office parking lot.

New Midway Residents

Welcome to Midway! New residents are asked to contact the Village Office to ensure we have your correct mailing address (Box #) on file. Please phone 250-449-2222.

Council Meeting Minutes

Are available on our website at: <u>www.midwaybc.ca/</u> <u>minutes-newsletters/</u> If you do not have access to

the online version, please contact the Village Office for a hard copy. **2024 Annual Municipal Report** - Section 98 of the Community Charter sets out the requirements for municipalities to produce an Annual Report each year prior to June 30th. The report must contain: Audited financial statements, Report on permissive tax exemptions, Report on municipal services and operations for the previous year, and Statement of objectives and measures for the current and next year.

Copies of the Annual Report can be viewed in person at the Village Office or viewed on our website.

Water Restrictions - Residents are reminded that watering restrictions are always in effect per Bylaw No. 413 and that <u>sprinkling</u> (irrigating) lawns and gardens between the hours of **10:00 am and 6:00 pm is prohibited.** On your own well? Remember that

all Village water comes from the same aquifer and your use also contributes to the lower water levels. The Village's well is deeper than private, individual ones, so they will run out before the Village's.

Public Works have been assessing the feasibility of a new well to plan for future growth in Midway. The Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship has informed us that a request for another well would likely be denied. According to their records, the Village uses, on average 1,000L of water per day per resident. That is over 3 times the provincial average and double that of the next highest community in the province. Reminder that our water system is to be used for **domestic use only**, this does NOT include the irrigation of acreage or pastures.

West Boundary Community Forest -

WBCF was proud to distribute the Spring 2025 dividends to its joint shareholders, Village of Midway and City of Greenwood of \$200,000 each. The cheques were presented on Monday night at the monthly council meetings for both Greenwood and Midway.





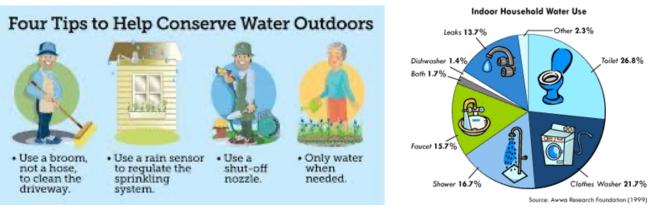
Water Conservation & the Village of Midway

Watering restrictions in the Village of Midway are always in effect per Bylaw No. 413 and sprinkling/irrigating lawns and gardens between the hours of <u>10:00 am and 6:00 pm</u> is prohibited.

The Village recommends watering/irrigating once a day and on alternate days.

Water conservation is everyone's responsibility, <u>including residents on their own wells</u>. Village water and well water originates from the same aquifer, and if levels continue to drop then we all suffer.

<u>The Village would appreciate it if well owners followed the same water</u> <u>regulations as everyone else.</u>



Easy tips to help conserve water - and still have a healthy lawn and garden!

- Lawns and gardens require only 35 millimetres (~1.5 inches or enough to fill a tuna can) of water per week during warm weather. Less is needed during spring, fall, and cooler weather.
- Do not over-water to compensate for expected dry periods. Soil cannot store extra water.
- Water lawns every three to five days, rather than for a short period of time every day. This will help grow deeper roots, making your lawn more tolerant to hot summer temperatures.
- Raise your lawn mower blade to cut grass no lower than eight centimetres (three inches). Longer grass also helps feed the roots and retains moisture, reducing the need for it to quickly regrow.
- Choose water-efficient plants and consider xeriscaping.
- On days when it has rained, turn off your automatic irrigation system.
- Adjust sprinklers so that water does not run down your driveway or street.
- Adding a few inches of mulch to your gardens keeps your plant's roots cool and moist.
- Municipal water is for domestic use only and for your own property, not your neighbours.

The Village of Midway reserves the right to disconnect offenders from the water service, and any service that has been disconnected will be charged a minimum of \$50.00 before service resumes.