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**Tank Cleaning Fee Survey
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In response to questions by homeowners, regional districts and others, regarding the costs that may be incurred to have a septic tank pumped out, the following information was compiled from around the province. These results are intended to help a homeowner with budgeting for the cleaning, keeping in mind that the frequency to do so does varies between each system due to different sizes of tanks, number of occupants in the home or building, periods of low or high use, and other factors.

As a homeowner, be aware that pumping out a septic tank is only one part of maintenance and not the only item needing attention for many systems. Those systems with treatment plants, pump chambers and other devices also require monitoring and specific maintenance beyond cleaning to achieve proper performance. Even the dispersal area, whether using gravity or pressure distribution, have unique maintenance and monitoring requirements as well.

Fees as shown *exclude* tax and are based on:

- December 2011 rates
- 600 gallon / 2,700 litre tank (**smaller size)
- within town limits (does not include remote areas or islands)
- tank lid exposed
- includes disposal fees and surcharge
- 9 companies from around the province that did not respond or could not be reached have not been included in the following pages

**Note: The survey confirmed that tank volume dictates the price of the cleaning, typically resulting in two standard charges, one for smaller and another for larger tanks. Where the volume of the tank is not previously known, it was also discovered that vacuum truck operators typically estimate the size of the tank by visual observation but rarely measure the tank or otherwise measure the volume of materials removed. In some cases, this has led to different companies charging different amounts for cleaning the same tank.

It is recommended that property owners confirm the exact volume of their septic tank before arranging for the tank to be cleaned. This information can be found within the permit or Filing documents on file with the local Health Authority, or can be confirmed by a Registered Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Maintenance Provider or Private Inspector. It is also recommended that the Mp or PI confirm any other maintenance requirements for an individual system.

Vancouver Island

Company 1	Duncan	\$366
Company 2	Qualicum Beach	\$293
Company 3	Comox	\$260
Company 4	Duncan	\$338 (Amalgamated with Company 5)
Company 5	Chemainus	\$338
Company 6	Nanoose Bay	(Amalgamated with Company 5)
Company 7	Victoria	(Amalgamated with Company 5)

Fraser Valley/Lower Mainland/Vancouver

Company 8	Squamish	\$280
Company 9	Surrey	\$195
Company 10	Burnaby	\$275
Company 11	Maple Ridge	\$250
Company 12	Langley	\$200
Company 13	Chilliwack	\$225
Company 14	Harrison Mills	\$200

Sunshine Coast

Company 15	Gibsons	\$295
Company 16	Halfmoon Bay	\$350
Company 17	Gibsons	\$305

Fraser Canyon/Thompson Nicola

Company 18	Princeton	\$250
Company 19	Merritt	\$315
Company 20	Kamloops	\$300
Company 21	Lillooet	\$150

Cariboo Chilcotin

Company 22	Barriere	\$170
Company 23	100 Mile House	\$130 in summer \$140 in winter
Company 24	Williams Lake	\$105
Company 25	Williams Lake	\$180
Company 26	Quesnel	\$165

Bulkley--Nechako/Fraser--Ft. George

Company 27	Prince George	\$180
Company 28	Vanderhoof	\$200
Company 29	Prince George	\$195
Company 30	Burns Lake	\$80
Company 31	Smithers	\$150
Company 32	Smithers	\$150

Kitimat Stikine

Company 33	Terrace	\$120
Company 34	Terrace	\$138

Peace River

Company 35	Chetwynd	\$180
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Okanagan/Shuswap

Company 36	Osoyoos	\$342
Company 37	Rock Creek	\$150
Company 38	Summerland	\$300
Company 39	Naramata	\$300
Company 40	Kelowna	\$310
Company 41	Coldstream	\$330
Company 42	Vernon	\$340
Company 43	Sicamous	\$170

Columbia Kootenay

Company 44	Trail	\$390
Company 45	Cranbrook	\$230
Company 46	Golden	\$300