

Temporary Sheltering in Parks

Regulations

Temporary sheltering in parks is permitted under the Parks Regulation Bylaw. Please follow the rules below.

No sheltering in:



Environmentally sensitive areas



Playgrounds



Sports fields



Community gardens/horticultural areas



Footpaths/roads



Cemeteries



Medians/boulevards

For safety and bylaw compliance, shelters must be:

NEW

9 m²
(approx. 10 ft x 10 ft)



No bigger than nine square metres

NEW

4 m / 13 ft



Spaced four metres apart

NEW

4 m / 13 ft



Four metres from no-shelter areas

NEW

8 m / 26 ft



Eight metres from playgrounds

NEW

50 m / 164 ft



50 metres from school property

For safety, environmental protection and bylaw compliance, please do not:



Locate shelters directly under trees and branches



Attach shelters to trees, plants, benches, lamp posts or other structures



Possess gas-fired appliances and combustibles



Remove tree branches or use City property to construct shelters



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Thank you for your compliance. If these rules are not followed, structures may be required to be taken down or moved.

Services

Shelters and Services

1 Our Place Society

919 Pandora Avenue, 250.388.7112
 • Mat program, washrooms, food, showers, storage

2 Rock Bay Landing

535 Ellice Street, 250.383.1951
 • Shelter beds, showers (9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m. daily)

3 Salvation Army Addiction Recovery

525 Johnson Street, 250.384.3396
 • Shelter beds, community meals (12:45-1:45 p.m. Mon-Fri)

4 Sandy Merriman House for Women

809 Burdett Avenue, 250.480.1408
 • Shelter beds. Residents will have access to showers, washrooms, laundry and food

5 Mustard Seed Street Church & Food Bank

625 Queens Avenue, 250.953.1575
 • Food hampers (10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon-Fri), lunch (12 p.m. Mon-Fri), clothing, portable toilet

Laundry

Costs vary by location.

6 Prestine Drycleaners and Laudromat

255 Menzies Street, 250.386.2220

7 LaundroLounge

1309 Cook Street, 250.386.1799

8 Scrubby's Laundromat

50 Burnside Road West (Saanich) 250.389.1626

Housing Services

City staff can help you register with BC Housing and connect you with services and supports, working closely with our community partners. Completing a housing application means you will be considered for a spot when new housing opportunities become available.

BC Housing

To register for subsidized housing, apply online at: www.bchousing.org
 1.800.257.7756

9 Pacifica Housing Downtown Outreach Services

826 Cormorant Street, 250.356.2555

Harm Reduction

10 AVI Health and Community Services

713 Johnson Street, Call/text: 250.896.AVIX (2849)

Daily Dose Society

250.800.0569

Indigenous Harm Reduction Team (iHeart)

indigenousharmreductionteam@gmail.com

PEERS Night Outreach

250.744.0171 RV parked nightly
 Pembroke St. 7:15-8:45 p.m.
 Rock Bay 9:15 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

11 Pandora Clinic – OAT Opioid Agonist Therapy treatment

922 Pandora Avenue, 250.294.6714

12 Rock Bay Landing Overdose Prevention Unit (OPU)

535 Ellice Street, 250.383.1951

13 SOLID Outreach

1056 North Park Street, 250.298.9497

14 The Harbour

941 Pandora Avenue, 250.519.5303

Crisis Support

Vancouver Island Crisis Line

Call: 1.888.494.3888.
 24-hour crisis line
 Text: 250.800.3806 from mobile phone

