



# 2025 Spring Newsletter

## All RM of Dufferin Rural Water System Customers Free Water Testing for Lead in Drinking Water

The RM of Dufferin is offering free testing for lead in drinking water to residences connected to the RM of Dufferin Rural Water System.

Lead exposure can affect the health of everyone, however fetuses, infants and young children are the most sensitive to lead exposure. The Canadian Drinking Water Guidelines state that lead concentration in drinking water should not exceed 0.005 mg/L

Water from Pembina Valley Water Coop meets the lead limit guidelines; however, lead can enter drinking water from residential lead based plumbing materials. Elevated lead concentrations at the tap are more likely in older homes. Testing the drinking water in your home will help the RM of Dufferin assess whether lead is present in residential drinking water and the best course of action to take if it exceeds guidelines.

If you are interested in this free testing, please contact our Utility Foreman, Blake Bell by phone, text or email at 204-750-2652 / [water@rmofdufferin.com](mailto:water@rmofdufferin.com)  
Participants will be selected on a first come first serve basis.

You will receive the results of your drinking water test. If your drinking water has elevated lead levels, the RM of Dufferin will provide you with advice on how you can reduce lead in your drinking water.

Province of Manitoba website provides additional details on lead in drinking water:  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/water/drinking-water/lead/index.html>

### Utility Rate Increases

#### Water Rate Increases as approved by The Public Utilities Board Order No. 138/22, effective for consumption as of January 1, 2025 are as follows:

All metered water sold in the RM of Dufferin will be charged at the rate of \$21.58 per 1,000 gallons, with minimums as follows:

Meter Size	Group Capacity Ratio	Water Included Gallons	Customer Service Charge	Commodity Charges Water	Total Quarterly Minimum
5/8 "	1	3,000	\$29.01	\$64.73	\$93.74
3/4"	2	6,000	\$29.01	\$129.46	\$158.47
1"	4	12,000	\$29.01	\$258.92	\$287.93
1.5"	10	30,000	\$29.01	\$647.30	\$676.31
2"	25	75,000	\$29.01	\$1,618.26	\$1,647.27
3"	45	135,000	\$29.01	\$2,912.87	\$2,941.88

All **Bulk** water sold by the RM of Dufferin will be charged at the rate of \$23.20 per 1,000 gallons.

The 2024 Annual Water Report is available on our website. <https://carmandufferin.com/rmd-water>

**Moving in or out of a residence or business?** If you are a property owner or renter moving out of your residence or business, please contact the office to arrange a final water meter reading, with a minimum of one week’s notice. If you are moving in, please contact the office to set up a new utility account. Land owners who rent out a house, be advised that you are responsible for making arrangements for that water account. Please call the office at 204.745.2301 or email [info@rmofdufferin.com](mailto:info@rmofdufferin.com)

### Next Blood Donor Clinic



**Thursday May 15, 2025  
2 – 7 pm  
Carman Community Hall**

# 2025 RM of Dufferin Council Meetings

April 22nd	7:00pm
May 22th	7:00pm
June 17th	7:00pm
July 15th	7:00pm
August 19th	7:00pm
September 23rd	7:00pm
October 21st	7:00pm
November 18th	7:00pm
December 16th	7:00pm

## Water Bills are Due and Payable April 30th, 2025

There are several options available for paying your water or tax bill's

**Online Banking:** You can add us as a payee to your online banking. You can set up your water and tax payments to either "Dufferin (Rural Municipality of/Rural Mun/RM) - Utility or Water" or "Dufferin (Rural Municipality of/Rural Mun/RM) - Taxes". Use the account number (numbers only) listed on your bill. If you require assistance through this process, please call the office at 204-745-2301.

**Credit Card:** On our website you can pay through "PaySimply" using your credit card. There is a service fee applied at the time of transaction for the use of this service that the RM of Dufferin does not earn any revenue from.

**Pre-Authorized Payments:** An automatic withdrawal can be set up for full payment of your bill or a set monthly budgeted amount. Contact us for more information or to get set up for pre-authorized payments.

**In Person Payments,** can be made by **Debit/Interac, Cash, Cheques, and Post-Dated Cheques,** or mail us your payment to Box 100, Carman, MB R0G 0J0.

**Call us at 204.745.2301 if you need additional assistance. Any payments received after the due date will be subject to penalty @ 1.25%**

**Tax Bills will be mailed out early in July of 2025 and are Due and Payable October 31st, 2025**

## Dust Control (Suppressant)

We ask each property owner interested in Dust Control for the spring of 2025 to register with the municipal office as soon as possible. Regular Maintenance is required prior to application to help keep the roads in good shape. If your road is scheduled for maintenance, it may delay the application. Please call the office at 204.745.2301 or email [info@rmofdufferin.com](mailto:info@rmofdufferin.com).



**Animal Control**  
If you notice a stray dog, or need help with a nuisance pet, please contact the office or your council member.  
204-745-2301 or [info@rmofdufferin.com](mailto:info@rmofdufferin.com).  
**Wildlife**  
The Municipality does not handle wild animal removal, contact MB Conservation in Manitou at 204-242-2950

**Please note:**  
A survey or building location certificate is required for new structures and additions prior to a building permit being issued.  
Exceptions may apply in "Agricultural" zoned properties  
  
For further information please contact Kim at 204.745.2509 or [kim@cdgplanning.com](mailto:kim@cdgplanning.com)

## Municipal Mowing Program

Anyone wishing to cut the hay in the municipal ditch or within the municipal right-of-way before the RM of Dufferin cuts it, please call 204.745.2301.



**Carman Dufferin Recreation**  
For more information please contact:  
Phone: 204-745-2684  
Email: [programcdr@townofcarman.com](mailto:programcdr@townofcarman.com)

## 2025 Folklorama Bus Tour

3 Pavilions for \$125.00 Irish, Greek, India  
Registration opens Monday May 12th at 9:00am

## Save the Date for Online Registration

Swimming Lesson Registration opens April 16th at 7:00am online  
Campground Reservations opens April 23rd at 7:00am online  
Summer Hockey Camp Registration opens May 5th at 7:00am online  
Summer Day Camp Registration opens May 28th at 7:00am online

**For information on recreation programs please visit our website:**  
[carmanmanitoba.com/parks-recreation-home/](http://carmanmanitoba.com/parks-recreation-home/)



**Transfer Station Hours**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
CLOSED  
**Saturday**  
11:00 am—4:00 pm

## Waterline Connections

If you are building a new home or considering a rural water connection in 2025, please contact the office as soon as possible by emailing [info@rmofdufferin.com](mailto:info@rmofdufferin.com) or call 204.745.2301.

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