



FAQS

RURAL PROPERTY ADDRESSING

Why do we need Property Addressing?

Civic addressing helps emergency response personnel, such as fire, ambulance, and police, find your property quickly during an emergency. The RDEK only addresses occupied properties so remote residences can be identified during large emergency events.

What are the benefits of using addresses over a legal land location?

A civic address pinpoints the access to the property. The address provides emergency personnel with an effective tool to reduce response times.

How do I get my address?

During the building permit process. Pre-addressing may be requested prior to getting a building permit under specific circumstances.

Who assigns the addresses?

Rural Addressing information is assigned and maintained by the RDEK. It maintains all current addresses in a computer system and assigns new addresses as required.

What do I do with my new address once I get it?

Addresses are to support emergency response. As per Bylaw No. 2010 - Section 6, assigned numbers shall be displayed in a position clearly visible from the road at anytime day or night.

Is there a fee involved?

Yes. As per Schedule A of Bylaw 2010, there is a \$30 fee for assignment and re-assignment.

I have more than one house on my parcel. Should I have more than one address?

Yes. Each dwelling should have a unique address.

If I live on a private road, how does Rural Addressing affect me?

Civic addressing is assigned to every occupied parcel in the RDEK, regardless of whether you live on a public or private road.

What information do I need to get an address or to confirm an existing one?

The more information you can provide about where you live, the better. To help describe your location, you can use the legal land description, PID (property identifier) and tax roll number. Because Rural Addressing is based on access points, we will need to know where the road access or approach is to the property.

Do I have to post my Rural Address?

Yes. All existing properties with dwellings must have an address sign. The requirement is based on our mandate to ensure the same level of service for all residences in the RDEK. Address signage is crucial for efficient emergency response.

Are there standards for signs and standards for placement of signs?

Yes. According to RDEK Addressing Bylaw No. 2010, the numbers should be not less than four inches in height, on a contrasting background, and displayed in a secure position clearly visible from the road at any time of day or night.



Who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the address signs?

The property owner is responsible for the purchase, installation, maintenance and upkeep of the sign.

What if I have other questions?

For further information, contact the RDEK GIS staff by phone at 250-489-2791 or email gisteam@rdek.bc.ca.

You can also visit our website: www.rdek.bc.ca. Under the Departments menu, click on Mapping & Addressing.