

2024/25 RATES

Rates and charges levied during a financial year are a charge on the property.

While your tax payment to fund the State and Federal Government is likely taken out of your income before you receive your pay, your contribution to community projects and services delivered by Local Government comes to you in one rates notice.

In its 2024/25 Budget, Council has invested in important road and community infrastructure projects and will continue to deliver more than 70 valuable services for the residents of Golden Plains Shire. To find out more about this year's Council Budget, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/budget.

Annual Property Valuations

In accordance with the State Government requirements, the Valuer-General Victoria is responsible for all property valuations. Starting in 2019, municipal property valuations have been undertaken every year, instead of every two years.

Property owners may object to the valuation of their property within 60 days of the date of issue on the initial rates notice.

Scan the QR code to learn more, or visit: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/resident/rates-and-charges/rates-and-charges



HOW RATES ARE CALCULATED



General Rates

Council is required to use property values as the basis for distributing the rating burden across the municipality. The total amount of rate revenue is divided across the total value of rateable properties in the Shire to establish the rate in the dollar. The rate in the dollar is then multiplied by each individual property's Capital Improved Value (CIV) to calculate how much each property owner pays.

Municipal Charge

The Municipal Charge is a flat charge of \$250 for every rateable property in Golden Plains Shire in 2024/25. A fixed rate charge ensures that all residents make a standard contribution and means that the rate share is equitably distributed across the Shire.

Waste Management Charge

This charge pays for the kerbside collection of household waste and recycling, and waste management including the State Government Landfill Levy – a charge Council must pay when disposing waste into landfill. In 2024/25, every household that receives Council's waste service has the Waste Management Charge of \$447.

Fire Services Property Levy

The Fire Services Property Levy is collected with Council rates and passed directly to the State Government to fund Victoria's fire services. The Levy is made up of a fixed charge and a variable charge based on the property's capital improved value. Find out more at firelevy.vic.gov.au.



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PAYING YOUR RATES

There are three options for paying your Rates & Charges in 2024/25:

1. Pay in **one full payment** by 15 February 2025.
2. Pay in **four instalment payments**, due:
 - 30 September, 2024
 - 30 November, 2024
 - 28 February, 2025
 - 31 May, 2025

Direct debit is available, or notices are mailed out for each instalment with a range of payment options.

3. Pay in **10 monthly direct debit payments**, due on the 15th of the month from September 2024 to June 2025.

To join the monthly payment plan, your first direct debit is due by 15 September 2024. To register, please contact Council.

How do I sign up for Direct Debit?

To sign up for direct debit, you must complete the Direct Debit Request form online or contact Council's Rates team.

Hardship Support

If these options aren't possible for you, please contact Council's Rates team for a confidential discussion about payment plan alternatives.

Ready to Pay?

Your Rates Notices lists details of all payment options including online, post, phone, in person, direct debit, Post Billpay and BPay.

Please contact Council with any questions regarding your Rates Notice. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact Council early to arrange a payment plan.

If your notice shows Arrears Carried Forward, this payment is due immediately.

When contacting Council, please quote your Property Number to the officer.

Site Value: value of land only.

Fire Service Levy is applicable to all properties and does not replace your normal property insurance. Council acts as a collection agency on behalf of the State Revenue Office.

Australian Valuation Property Classification Code: a code assigned to the land based on existing use.

Payment options for Bpay and Post Billpay. The Reference Number is the same but the Biller Code is different for each, please be careful when entering the Biller Code.

Please check your details carefully including names and address. It is your responsibility to notify Council of any changes.

Residents paying their rates in a single payment must pay by this date.

To join the instalment plan, your first payment is due on 30 September 2024.

To join the monthly payment plan, your first direct debit payment is due 15 September 2024.

Capital Improved Value: value of land plus building plus improvements.

Net Annual Value: annual rental income of property or 5% of the CIV.

The Municipal Charge is a fixed rate for every property in Golden Plains Shire.

Differential Rate: the 'rate in the dollar' charged on properties. This varies by land category.

Rates and Valuation Notice
For the Period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

ABN 86 998 570 296
All items are GST free. GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

AB Citizen and CD Citizen
PO BOX 123
LETHBRIDGE VIC 3332

One Payment in Full \$2,287.96
Due by 15 February 2025

or pay by instalment
*To pay over Four Instalment Payments, you must pay your first instalment by 30 September, 2024.

Four Instalment Payments

First Instalment	\$571.99	Due by 30 September 2024
Second Instalment	\$571.99	Due by 30 November 2024
Third Instalment	\$571.99	Due by 28 February 2025
Fourth Instalment	\$571.99	Due by 31 May 2025

Ten Monthly Payments \$228.80
Due 15th of the month via Direct Debit
From Sept 2024 to June 2025
*Contact Council to register for Direct Debit on 5220 7111 to organise payment.

Rating Period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
Valuation Date 1 January 2024
Issue Date August 2024

Arrears Carried Forward \$1,250 Pay Immediately

Rates & Charges 2024/25 \$2,287.96
Total Payable \$3,537.96

Property No.	909106
Property	1 Smith Lane, LETHBRIDGE VIC 3322 718m2 Lot 119 641010
Valuations	Site Value: Land only \$250,000 Capital Improved Value: \$560,000 Land + buildings + improvements \$1,501.92 Net Annual Value \$43,000 Residential Rates 0.002692 x \$560,000 \$1,501.92 Waste Management Charge \$389.00 Municipal Charge \$250.00 Sub Total \$2,140.92
Rates and Charges	Category: Residential \$250.00 Residential Variable 0.000059 x \$560,000 \$33.04 Residential Fixed \$114.00
Fire Services Property Levy	Total \$2287.96
AVPCC	110 - Detached Dwelling

Payment Options

- Online or by phone: goldenplains.vic.gov.au/payment Phone: 5220 7111 Ref.
- Direct Debit: Call 5220 7111 for an application form
- Post Billpay: In store at Australia Post, online at auspost.com.au/postbillpay or call 13 18 16. Billpay Code: 2335 Ref: 100135 Property No: 909106 Property Address: 1 Smith Lane, LETHBRIDGE VIC 3322
- Full Payment: \$2338.56
- First Instalment: \$584.64

Register to receive your notice via email erates.goldenplains.vic.gov.au