



Council is budgeting to receive \$25.04 million from District-wide rates in 2008/2009

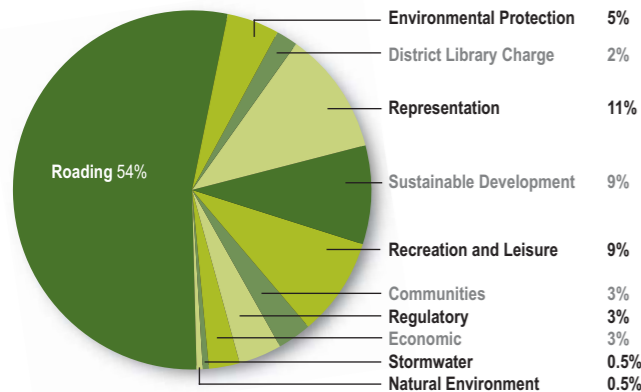
IMPORTANT DATES

This translates to ratepayers paying, on average, an additional 5.04 percent in District Rates of which 3.05 percent is an allowance for inflation leaving a 1.54 percent increase in real rates. In addition, 2.04 percent more rates will be collected because of growth in the number of rateable properties in the District.

District-wide rates are made up of a number of different rates and charges which are payable on every property in the Western Bay of Plenty District.

A total of \$13.5 million (54% of District-wide rates income) will be spent on roading.

What makes up District-wide rates



26 September 2008 Rate rebate

LAST DAY FOR DISCOUNT
Pay your rates for the entire year in one lump sum and receive a 3% discount.

If you are on a low income and/or have any dependants living with you, you may qualify for a rate rebate. Please contact a member of Council's rates team for an application form.

24 October 2008

FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT
of your first rates instalment for 2008/2009 without incurring a penalty.

27 March 2009

TO AVOID A 10% PENALTY
you must pay your second rates instalment by this date.

Rate postponement

If you are over 65 years old, own your own home and would like to have a little cash in your pocket, you may qualify for a rate postponement.

You can pay your rates using any of the following

Automatic payment

You pay a fixed sum at regular intervals throughout the year, with the total amount to be paid by the penalty date.

Direct debit

The amount required to meet the rates on your property is deducted from your bank account, either once or twice a year.

Telephone or Internet

You can use your telephone or the Internet to transfer your rates payment directly from your bank account to Council. Council's bank details are ANZ Tauranga 010434-0180600-00.

Cash, cheque or eftpos

You can use any of these methods to pay all or part of your rates.

Please note that:

- Rates not paid by the penalty date will incur a 10% penalty.
- Council does not accept payment by credit card.

New rates at a glance

Waihi Beach Coastal Protection Charge

This charge has been introduced to provide coastal protection to part of the Waihi Beach foreshore.

Ward and Community Board Charges

As a result of a review of Council's electoral boundaries some property owners will find they have moved from one ward into another or from not being in a community board area to being in one.

These adjustments were made to ensure criteria set by the Local Government Commission around the number of elected representatives per head of population in the Te Puke and Kaimai wards was met. Community board boundaries for Te Puke and Katikati were also extended to take in their respective ward boundaries. The Omokoroa community board boundary was also extended to State Highway 2 to take in the entire Omokoroa peninsula.

Please see over for a list of additional rates.

Have you been checking your water meter readings?

If you have a water meter on your property, it's worth taking the time to keep an eye on the reading. All it takes is a couple of minutes each month to read the meter, record it and watch for any change in use that could signal a leak. **Remember fixing leaks is your responsibility.**

You can save money by taking advantage of our **DISCOUNT OFFER**. Pay your full year's rates by 5.00pm, 26 September 2008 and receive a **3% DISCOUNT**.

See how much your rates are online

www.westernbay.govt.nz



RATES AND CHARGES

What do they all mean and which ones am I required to pay?

Rates are Council's main source of income for providing and maintaining essential services for residents throughout the District. Our rating system is designed to provide for both District-wide and localised activities.

Every property owner pays the following rates and charges - collectively these make up the District-wide rates:

General Rate

The General Rate is based on land value and is used to cover costs associated with the day-to-day running of Council operations.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

For every rateable property, owners are required to pay a UAGC - for 2008/2009 this is \$166. This money is used for the same purposes as General Rates.

District Library Charge

Every property owner pays this charge, which is used to fund library services throughout the District.

Roading

Every property owner pays a Rooding Rate and a Rooding Charge. Rural property owners are also required to pay a Rural Works Charge, which is used to fund roading projects in rural areas.

Environmental Protection Charge

This is a fixed charge per property. The income is used to pay for Council initiatives to protect the environment and community health, including a proportion of wastewater and solid waste costs and environmental planning.

Depending on where your property is situated, you may also be required to pay one or more of the following charges:

Community Board Rate

You are required to pay this rate if your property is located in a Community Board area. It is based on land value and collected to fund the operational costs of your community board.

Solid Waste

This is a fixed charge per property based on location. It covers costs for solid waste facilities across the District, including transfer stations, and ongoing remedial work at closed refuse tip sites.

Community Hall

If you live in the vicinity of a community hall, this is the amount you pay to cover ongoing operating and maintenance costs.

Recreation

If your property is located in Katikati, Te Puke or Maketu Ward, you are required to pay this charge to cover costs of swimming pools in your area.

Omokoroa Greenwaste

This is a fixed charge per property in the Omokoroa Community Board area to fund the greenwaste facility.

Stormwater

You are required to pay a stormwater charge if your property is situated in a defined stormwater catchment.

Water and Wastewater

If your property receives Council water and/or wastewater services, or is located in an area where these services are available, you are required to pay a service or availability charge.

Gibraltar Water Scheme

The Gibraltar Water Scheme charge will be paid by all properties receiving water from this scheme as identified by the directors of the scheme.

Omokoroa Capital Sewerage Charge

Every separate habitable part of a property within the proposed reticulation area at Omokoroa is required to pay this charge.

Te Puke Focus

All separately rateable properties in the Te Puke and Maketu Wards pay this charge (commercially-zoned properties in the Te Puke Community Board area are required to pay an additional rate) which is used to fund the promotion of Te Puke.

Resort Pacifica Capital Sewerage Charge

Every separate rateable property within Resort Pacifica is required to pay this charge to enable connection to Council's sewerage system.

Subdivision Charge

This is a fixed charge on those properties in the process of being subdivided, as at 30 June each year. For information on financial contribution percentages associated with subdivision, please refer to fees and charges information available on Council's website or at any one of Council's offices.

Katikati Promotion

All separately rateable properties in the Katikati Ward pay this charge (commercially-zoned properties in the Katikati Community Board area are required to pay an additional rate).

Talisman Drive Development Charge

Property owners in Katikati Ward are required to pay this charge to cover works associated with the development of Talisman Drive.

Little Waihi Land Drainage

Properties in the Little Waihi area, which benefit from drainage works, pay this charge.

Pukehina Development Fund

Pukehina property owners are required to pay this charge for the development of infrastructure.

Te Puna Library

All properties in the Te Puna school catchment area are required to pay this charge, which contributes to operating costs for Te Puna library.

Wilson Road Upgrade

This is a charge on all properties in the Waihi Beach Ward and an additional charge on commercial properties in the Wilson Road area.

Katikati Resource Centre Charge

Properties in the Katikati and Waihi Beach Wards are required to pay this charge to fund the provision of community advice.

Pukehina Beach Protection Charge

Pukehina property owners are required to pay this charge to fund Pukehina Beach protection works.

Waihi Beach Coastal Protection Charge

Depending on the location of your property in the Waihi Beach Ward you will be required to pay the following charges:

- On the beach behind the proposed rock revetment, in the defined area of benefit: \$3,817.
- In the defined area of benefit for dune work: \$1,048.
- In the defined area of benefit for dune works and Three Mile Creek works: \$1,064.
- Beyond the defined areas of benefit: \$27.15

More information on these charges and a map showing which properties attract these charges can be found on the rates page of Council's website www.westernbay.govt.nz

If you require further information or have any questions relating to your rates please phone our customer services team on:

07 571 8008

Te Puke Library & Service Centre, Jellicoe Street, Te Puke
Omokoroa Library & Service Centre, McDonnell Street, Omokoroa
Katikati Library & Service Centre, Main Road, Katikati
Waihi Beach Library & Service Centre, Waihi Beach Road, Waihi Beach

ABOUT YOUR RATES

2008/2009