

Rates Information Pack 2024/25

On behalf of the Council for the Shire of Northam, I am pleased to present the 2024/25 budget to our community.

The Shire's budget supports our vibrant and growing community, it pays to provide safe roads, waste management, community safety, parks and more.

While developing the budget, Council has been mindful of the cost of living pressures that both Council and the community face.

Our priority is to ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council and to deliver meaningful services and infrastructure the community needs now and into the future. With this in mind, there will be a 5.07% increase in rates revenue yield in the 2024/25 financial year.

Income from rates makes up 58% of the operating budget, with the remaining revenue coming from government grants and fees and charges.

In 2024/25 we will continue to invest in our infrastructure. Our \$13.6M capital works program will deliver projects such as:

- Roads program - \$5.05M
- Footpath program - \$925K
- Bridge upgrades - \$643K
- Upgraded sports lighting to Bert Hawke Oval - \$763K
- Northam BMX Park redevelopment - \$286K

To view the 2024-2025 Budget in detail please visit Council's website, www.northam.wa.gov.au

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Rates and Minimum Charges

The Shire of Northam will apply differential rates and minimum payments for the 2024/25 financial year as summarised in the following table:

Rating Category	Rate in Dollar (\$)	Minimum Rates (\$)
GRV Residential	0.111038	1,119.00
GRV Commercial	0.118853	1,119.00
UV Agricultural Local	0.004778	1,119.00
UV Agricultural Regional	0.004238	1,076.00
UV Rural Small Holdings	0.008182	1,119.00

HOW CAN I PAY MY RATES?

For your convenience, there are three options to choose from when it comes to paying your rates:

Option ONE

Payment **IN FULL BY 2 October 2024**



Option TWO

Payment via **TWO INSTALMENTS**

To qualify for instalments, the exact amount shown at Option 2 on your Rates Notice must be received in one whole payment by **2 October 2024**

- Second instalment due **5 February 2025**

Option THREE

Payment via **FOUR INSTALMENTS**

To qualify for instalments, the exact amount shown at Option 3 on your Rates Notice must be received in one whole payment by **2 October 2024**

- Second instalment due **4 December 2024**
- Third instalment due **5 February 2025**
- Fourth instalment due **9 April 2025**

Difficulty paying your rates?

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your rates by the specified due date, please contact the Shire's Rates Officer via email records@northam.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9622 6100.

Requests for payment arrangements must be notified to the Shire's Rates Officer prior to the due date specified on your Rates Notice. Please be aware that the following conditions apply:

- Interest charged at the rate of 8.5% per annum on the rates and 11% on ESL charges outstanding after the due date for payment and will continue to accrue daily until settled **IN FULL**.
- Approved payment arrangements will be confirmed by letter.

Emergency Services Levy

The Shire of Northam is required by the State Government to collect the Emergency Services Levy via the Shire Rates Notice. For 2024/25, the State Government has advised that it is increasing the Emergency Services Levy by 6.38%.

Pensioner and Senior Concessions

If you are a Pensioner or Senior, you may be able to apply for a rebate on your Council Rates and Emergency Services Levy. Please note that rubbish and pool fees are not subject to a concession.

Eligible pensioners are entitled to claim a rebate of 50% of the current year's rates, up to a maximum of \$750 or may apply to defer those rates. Seniors who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to claim a rebate of 25% of the current year's rates, up to a maximum of \$100.

Concessions apply after eligible ratepayers have registered their entitlement with the Water Corporation.

Waste Facilities and Service Charges

Waste Facilities

The Shire of Northam operates two waste facilities. Our main facility at Old Quarry Road, Northam is home to the Northam Re-Store, waste transfer station, solid and liquid waste facilities.

The Inkpen Road facility at Copley is a small rural landfill with limited recycling options. Residents are entitled to free annual tip passes as part of their waste service charges.



WASTE SERVICES CHARGES

Kerbside Collection ↪

If you receive a standard kerbside collection service, then you will be charged an annual general waste and recycling collection fee totalling \$310.00 (\$290.00 for pensioners), which includes:

- Weekly general waste kerbside collection service
- Fortnightly recycling kerbside collection service
- Unlimited access to the Shire's waste facilities for disposal of recyclables, including e-waste, green waste and metal
- **10 FREE** general waste or mattress disposal passes
- 1 skip bin per year (additional skips are available for an extra fee)
- Maintenance of existing waste facilities
- Community waste services
- Waste education programs

No Kerbside Collection ↪

If you reside outside the kerbside collection area, you will be charged an annual fee of \$154.00 to access the Shire's waste facilities and services, which includes:

- Unlimited access to the Shire's waste facilities for disposal of recyclables, including e-waste, green waste, and metal
- **26 FREE** general waste or mattress disposal passes
- 1 skip bin per year (additional skips are available for an extra fee)
- Maintenance of existing waste facilities
- Community waste services
- Waste education programs

Waste Facility Passes

Residents who do not pay the relevant waste services charges will not be able to access the Shire's waste services and will be charged as commercial customers when visiting either facility.

Waste Facility Passes will be available from the gatehouse at either Waste Facility from 1 September 2024. Proof of property ownership and identification are required to obtain your pass. **REPLACEMENT** passes must be obtained from the Shire Administration Office.

For more information, please visit the Environment & Waste section on the Shire's website www.northam.wa.gov.au.



