



RATES INFORMATION

YOUR RATES

What You Pay

In 2023/24 Council resolved to adopt a rating system as follows▶

Gross Rental Value (Town Site)	Minimum Rate	Rate in the \$
GRV	\$910	0.125774
Unimproved Value (Rural)		
UV1—Rural	\$1,130	0.015758
UV2 - Urban Rural Residential	\$1,130	0.03148
UV3 - Mining Tenement	\$200	0.02300
UV4 - Special Use Power Generation	\$1,130	0.02890
UV5 - Special Use Airstrip	\$1,130	0.028900

Ratepayers may notice the final rate in the dollar for some properties is lower than the rate which was proposed by Council for 23/24 earlier in the year. This change is the result of new valuations for UV land provided by the Office of the Valuer General. Adjusting the rate in the dollar down, allows us to compensate for large changes in land values, that would otherwise see the Shire collecting more revenue than planned, and to remain compliant with legislative requirements.

YOUR RATES

Due Dates

The 2023/24 rates are due by **15 September 2023** if paying in full. Alternatively, if you have elected to pay in instalments, an interest rate of 5.5% will be imposed with the due dates provided in the table to the right.

Please contact the Shire if you are having difficulty making the payment dates. If you do not, an interest rate of 6% will be imposed and legal action may be taken if payments are not paid on-time.

First Instalment:	15 September 2023
Second Instalment:	17 November 2023
Third Instalment:	19 January 2024
Fourth Instalment:	22 March 2024

YOUR RATES

How to Pay

Rates may be paid in any of the following ways;

- In person at the Shire Administration Building
- Cheque by Mail to PO Box 42, Merredin
- Online via BPay

Please refer to your rates notice for full details about how to pay your rates..

Eligible pensioners and seniors who wish to avail themselves of the Government's pensioner rate rebate scheme must apply to do so within 35 days from the issue of the rates notice and must pay the balance of the rates within the particular year the rates were levied.

Sign up to receive your rates notice electronically via email from 2024/25 onwards by completing the form located on the Rates & Financial page on the Shire of Merredin website. By submitting this form, you acknowledge that all future rate notices for your property will be received electronically by email ONLY.

ROADS: In partnership with the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight network, the Shire is reconstructing sections of Merredin-Narembeen road to improve road freight safety. This road is part of a key transport and infrastructure route which supports our major industries. The budget for improvements to this road in 2023/24 is \$3.75m, which includes a carry forward of some incomplete works from last financial year.

Note - The Great Eastern Hwy, Bruce Rock-Merredin Rd and Merredin-Nungarin Rd are under the jurisdiction of Mainroads WA. Issues with these roads should be reported to them directly. Contact their Northam Office on 9622 4777.

Want to report an issue with a road or footpath? The easiest way to do this is to download the FREE Snap, Send, Solve app onto your phone. You can use Google Maps with this app to pinpoint where the issue is exactly, take a photo of it, add an optional description and send it instantly.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The next stage of our CBD redevelopment, Town Centre, is planned for 2023/24 with construction scheduled to commence in early 2024 at an estimated value of \$3m.

Meanwhile, stage 3 of our redevelopment, APEX park, is currently awaiting the outcome of a Lotterywest grant application, which will influence when the park construction commences. So far, \$2m has been allocated for the project from a combination of other grant funding and reserve funds.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: Waste Management is also a key focus, and the Shire is progressing with a number of initiatives, including the delivery of an E-Waste recycling facility that will allow community members to safely dispose of electronic waste.

WATER SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY: The Shire has a focus on delivering a number of Water Security and Sustainability projects in 2023/24 in partnership with other agencies. These include a small scale desalination trial, and upgrades to our reuse water network. We will also be continuing our drainage work throughout the year.

EV NETWORK: The Shire is part of the State Governments Electric Vehicle network, and construction will start this year on two fast-chargers located centrally, close to the new town centre. In addition, the Shire has also secured grant funding to install an additional charger. This will assist the Shire in working towards the sustainability of it's own fleet, by including EV's in the future.

TIP PASSES: Residential tip passes will be available on receipt of either your full rates payment, or your first instalment. If paying at the Shire Admin Office, the 2023/24 tip passes can be collected at the time of payment. For rates paid online, tip passes will be available for collection once funds have been received into the Shire's account. ***If you would like your tip pass posted, please email admin@merredin.wa.gov.au with your name, postal address and assessment number.***

OPENING HOURS: Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm and 12.30pm - 3.30pm
Saturday - Sunday & Public Holidays | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Please note, fees will apply if your tip pass is not presented. Your 2022/23 tip pass will expire on 15 October 2023.

TIP SHOP: The Merredin Tip Shop officially opened in February 2023, and with the combined effort of the community, the Shire has been able to divert a total of 78.5m³ away from landfill so far. We want to extend our appreciation to everyone in the community who donated their unwanted goods. Your contributions have given new life to these items, making a positive impact on both our community and the environment. The remaining opening dates for 2023 are; 13 August, 14 October and 9 December.

YOUR WASTE

Bin Collections

Weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collections are conducted throughout the town sites in the Shire of Merredin.

Your 2023/24 recycling collection calendar has been included with this notice. Please note: recycling is collected every second week. The map below will assist you to identify which week your collection is due.

Note - recyclables can be taken to the Merredin landfill site during open hours if a recycling service is not available to you, e.g. those based on rural properties.



YOUR PROPERTY

Burning Information

During the **Restricted Burning** period you may burn, but only with a permit obtained from a local Fire Control Officer. During **Prohibited Burning**, you may not burn at all and in some cases, a Harvest & Vehicle Movement Ban (Shire) or a Total Fire Ban (DFES) may be imposed which will mean certain activities, such as harvesting, may not be undertaken.

For further information, please see the 2023/24 Firebreak and Burning Notice enclosed with your Rates.

Note - Burning period times may be changed should dry periods persist. Advertisement of the change of period dates will occur in the Phoenix, on the Shire website and on Shire social media.

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIODS

16 September 2023 - 31 October 2023
18 February 2024 - 16 March 2024

PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 November 2023 - 17 February 2024

YOUR ANIMALS











Registration Fees

All dogs over the age of 3 months old, and cats over 6 months within the Shire of Merredin must be registered, sterilised and microchipped. See registration prices below.

Sterilised	1 year ▶ \$20	3 years ▶ \$42.50	Lifetime ▶ \$100
Not sterilised	1 year ▶ \$50	3 years ▶ \$120	Lifetime ▶ \$250

The Shire continues to provide vital community services to the Shire of Merredin’s residents. These services span across the areas of development, engineering, corporate and community and include maintenance of parks, gardens, cemeteries, roads and footpaths, waste collection, provision of sporting facilities, provision of tourism, entertainment and library services, and provision of planning, environmental health and building services.

Every \$100 spent by the Shire includes:

 Transport \$42.39	 Law, Order, & Public Safety \$2.03
 Recreation and Culture \$37.34	 Housing \$1.74
 Community Amenities \$6.73	 Other Funding \$1.49
 Economic Services \$3.40	 Health \$1.05
 Governance \$3.24	 Education & Welfare \$0.59

In addition, the Shire will also be completing a number of major projects this financial year including;



\$70k Drainage



\$3.975m Secondary Freight Network Improvements



\$105k E-Waste Recycling Facility



\$2m Apex Park Redevelopment*



\$3m Town Centre Redevelopment



\$100k Desalination Project



\$15k EV Charger



\$180k Recycled Water Network Upgrades



\$486.8k Other Road Sealing



\$105k MRCLC and Pool Maintenance & Improvements

* Note this figure will increase if the Shire is successful in securing external grant funding

Some items displayed above are partly carried forward from the 2022/23 financial year. The Shire of Merredin has secured \$8.2m in total of grant funding towards the listed projects, totalling 80% of the capital funding required.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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