



# RATES INFORMATION 2024/25

## YOUR RATES

## What You Pay

In 2024/25 Council resolved to adopt a rating system as follows .....▶

### Gross Rental Value (Town Site)

### Minimum Rate

### Rate in the \$

GRV

\$940

0.109400

### Unimproved Value (Rural)

UV1—Rural

\$1,160

0.013325

UV2 - Urban Rural Residential

\$1,160

0.026650

UV3 - Mining Tenement

\$200

0.025875

UV4 - Special Use Power Generation

\$1,160

0.025800

UV5 - Special Use Airstrip

\$1,160

0.023971

The Shire applies a differential rating system based on the zoning and land use of a property in accordance with State Planning Legislation and the Local Planning Scheme. The Rate in the Dollar for each category is proposed in order to levy a rate aligned with the impact on the Shire of servicing these properties. The minimum rate recognises that all ratepayers have an equal opportunity to enjoy the facilities and services provided by the Shire, regardless of the value of their property.

## YOUR RATES

## Due Dates

The 2024/25 rates are due by **20 September 2024** 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:

**20 September 2024**

### Second Instalment:

**22 November 2024**

### Third Instalment:

**24 January 2025**

### Fourth Instalment:

**28 March 2025**

## YOUR RATES

## How to Pay

Rates may be paid in any of the following ways;

- In person at the Shire Administration Building
- By cheque in the 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.*



## YOUR RATES

### Capital Projects

**ROADS:** In partnership with the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network, the Shire is reconstructing sections of Merredin-Narembreen 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 2024/25 is \$1.6m, 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 final stage of our CBD redevelopment, the Town Centre, will be completed in 2024/25, with an estimated opening date of 1 October 2024. Meanwhile, the redevelopment of Apex Park | Danjoo Waabiny Boodja was completed in August 2024, with the official opening on Wednesday, 7 August 2024 by Shire President Mark McKenzie and Hon. Darren West MLC.

**EV NETWORK EXPANSION:** Currently, there are three operational electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Merredin: one Council charger located on King Street, and two Synergy chargers situated at the town centre parking. The Shire is currently in the process of re-installing two chargers (previously housed at the Visitor Centre) to the Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre parking area. Additionally, NRMA will install two new chargers adjacent to the existing Synergy chargers upon the completion of the town centre redevelopment project, while an additional four chargers are currently proposed to be installed in the Newfields car park.

## YOUR WASTE

### Merredin Landfill Site

**RESIDENTIAL TIP PASSES:** The Shire will implement a new tip pass procedure effective this financial year to simplify tip pass management while offering a more streamlined and effective service.

- ▶ **Pass Validity:** Your tip pass will now roll over into the new financial year, provided the first instalment of your rates notice is paid by the due date.
- ▶ **Payment Delay:** If your initial rate payment is not made by 14 October, your tip pass will be invalidated. Once payment is received, your tip pass validity will be reinstated. Please allow approximately 48 hours for online payments to be processed and updated in our system.
- ▶ **Replacement Passes:** Each financial year, you are entitled to one free replacement tip pass. Subsequent replacements will incur a fee of \$11.40.

***To request a replacement tip pass, please visit the Shire Administration Building, or email [admin@merredin.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@merredin.wa.gov.au) with your name, postal address and assessment number.***

**TIP OPENING HOURS:**     **Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm and 12:30pm - 3:30pm**  
   **Saturday - Sunday & Public Holidays | 10:00am - 3:00pm**

**TIP SHOP:** Thanks to a grant from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, the upgraded Merredin Tip Shop is now open to the public daily. The Tip Shop's operational hours will align with the landfill site's opening hours, and payments can be made at the gatehouse via EFTPOS only.

For individuals interested in contributing items to the Tip Shop, please seek approval from the gatehouse operator. Upon approval, you will be directed to the designated unloading area.

For more information about the Merredin Tip Shop, please visit [bit.ly/merredinwastemanagement](https://bit.ly/merredinwastemanagement).

## YOUR WASTE

## Bin Collections

Weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collections are conducted throughout the town sites in the Shire of Merredin. Your 2024/25 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 2024/25 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 2024 - 31 October 2024  
18 February 2025 - 16 March 2025

### PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD

1 November 2024 - 17 February 2025

## 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 this year includes:**

 <b>Transport</b>	<b>\$45.71</b>
 <b>Recreation and Culture</b>	<b>\$33.96</b>
 <b>Community Amenities</b>	<b>\$7.20</b>
 <b>Economic Services</b>	<b>\$3.56</b>
 <b>Governance</b>	<b>\$2.81</b>

<b>Law, Order, &amp; Public Safety</b>	<b>\$2.62</b>
 <b>Housing</b>	<b>\$1.85</b>
 <b>Other Funding</b>	<b>\$0.62</b>
 <b>Health</b>	<b>\$1.08</b>
 <b>Education &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>\$0.60</b>

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



\$102k Drainage Improvements



\$1.6m Secondary Freight Network Improvements



\$136k Environmental Projects



\$4.3m Apex Park Redevelopment\*



\$3.4m Town Centre Redevelopment\*



\$570k Water Tower Restoration\*



\$105k Kerbing Upgrades



\$3.28m Crooks Road Upgrade



\$1.48m Road Network Upgrades



\$571k MRCLC Capital projects

\* This project is partly carried forward from the 2023/24 financial year.

## YOUR COUNCILLORS

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