











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

Every \$100 to be spent by the Shire this year includes:

 <b>Transport</b>	<b>\$31.92</b>	<b>Law, Order, &amp; Public Safety</b>	<b>\$4.42</b>
 <b>Recreation and Culture</b>	<b>\$31.82</b>	 <b>Housing</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
 <b>Community Amenities</b>	<b>\$12.26</b>	 <b>Other Funding</b>	<b>\$2.12</b>
 <b>Economic Services</b>	<b>\$5.82</b>	 <b>Health</b>	<b>\$1.65</b>
 <b>Governance</b>	<b>\$5.66</b>	 <b>Education &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>\$1.33</b>

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



\$36k Drainage Improvements



\$1.3m Chandler-Merredin Road Improvements



\$50k CCTV Project



\$100k Cummins Theatre Capital Works



\$100k Footpath Upgrades



\$570k Water Tower Restoration



\$100k Kerbing Upgrades



\$3.2m Crooks Road Upgrade



\$5m Total Road Network Upgrades




\$990k MRCLC Capital Projects

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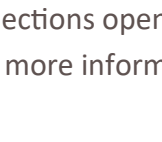
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Councillor candidate nominations for the October 2025 elections open on Thursday, 28 August 2025 and close at 4:00PM on Thursday, 4 September 2025. For more information, please scan the QR Code or head to [bit.ly/merredinelections](https://bit.ly/merredinelections).






SHIRE OF  
**MERREDIN**  
INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT

RATES INFORMATION  
2025/26

YOUR RATES

In 2025/26, Council resolved to adopt a rating system as follows .....



What You Pay		
Gross Rental Value (Town Site)	Minimum Rate	Rate in the \$
GRV	\$960	0.117150
Unimproved Value (Rural)		
UV1 - Rural	\$1,190	0.011940
UV2 - Urban Rural	\$1,190	0.023880
UV3 - Mining	\$200	0.023870
UV4 - Special Use Power Generation	\$1,190	0.023150
UV5 - Special Use Airstrip	\$1,190	0.021315

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 2025/26 rates are due by **03 October 2025** 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 8% will be imposed and legal action may be taken if payments are not paid on time.

First Instalment:	03 October 2025
Second Instalment:	05 December 2025
Third Instalment:	06 February 2026
Fourth Instalment:	10 April 2026

YOUR RATES

How to Pay


Rates may be paid in any of the following ways;


- In person at the Shire Administration Building—Corner Barrack and King Streets, Merredin
- By cheque in the mail to PO Box 42, Merredin
- Online via BPay
- Over the phone via credit card—call (08) 9041 1611


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 the Watercorp 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 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 rates notices for your property will be received electronically by email ONLY.*

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YOUR RATES

Capital Projects

**ROADS:** In partnership with the Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program and Regional Road Group, the Shire is reconstructing Crooks Road to improve movement in and around the Cooperative Bulk Handling Grain Facility. The budget for improvements to this road in 2025/26 is \$3.2m, which has been carried forward from the previous financial year.

Chandler-Merredin Road will also receive works to make the road safer for heavy vehicles and community members alike. It is anticipated that these works will cost around \$1.3 million dollars.

Culverts on Hines Hill North Road will also receive works to improve safety and increase longevity. These works will cost around \$500,000.

*Please Note - 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:** A number of projects are planned for the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre during the 2025/26 Financial Year, including the much anticipated replacement of the internal court surface in partnership with the State Government and local sporting groups. This project is expected to cost around \$650,000.

\$400,000 is also budgeted to be placed into a newly created reserve which will be utilised to replace or redevelop the Merredin District Olympic Swimming Pool in the coming years.

YOUR WASTE

Merredin Landfill Site

- TIP PASSES:** The Shire will make changes to the tip pass procedure effective this financial year.
- ▶ **Pass Validity:** Your blue tip pass continues to roll over into the new financial year, provided the first instalment of your rates notice is paid by the due date. This allows for the disposal of up to 1 cubic metre of waste.
  - ▶ **Payment Delay:** If your initial rate payment is not made by 3 October 2025, 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 should you lose or damage your 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.***
  - ▶ **Limited Use Introduced:** From 2025/26 tip passes will only allow **twelve free visits** to the tip in each financial year for the disposal of residential waste (other than items listed separately as incurring charges in the Shire of Merredin Fees and Charges). This decision has been made due to misuse of tip passes over the previous financial year and to ensure the sustainability and efficiency of the landfill facility. After the 12th use, charges will apply.
  - ▶ **Uncontaminated Green Waste:** From 2025/26, all **UNCONTAMINATED** green waste taken to the tip will be free of charge and will NOT use one of the twelve available tip entries for ratepayers and residents.
  - ▶ **Exception for Rural/ Farm Properties:** Rural and/or farming properties with a residence located on them that are not serviced by the weekly Avon Waste bin service may apply for an increase to 52 visits for the disposal of residential general waste and CONTAMINATED green waste. To apply, please complete the form on the Shire’s website.

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

For individuals interested in contributing items to the Tip Shop, please seek approval from the gatehouse operator.

YOUR WASTE

Bin Collections

Weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collections are conducted throughout the town sites in the Shire of Merredin. Your 2025/26 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 including cardboard and scrap metal can be taken to the Merredin landfill site during opening hours if a recycling service is not available to you, e.g. those based on rural properties. For more information about what can be accepted at the landfill site, please visit the Shire’s website.*



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 2025/26 Firebreak and Burning Notice enclosed with your Rates.***  
*Note - Burning period times may be changed should dry weather periods persist. Advertisement of the change of period dates will occur in the Phoenix, on the Shire website and on the Shire’s social media.*

RESTRICTED BURNING PERIODS	PROHIBITED BURNING PERIOD
16 September 2025 - 31 October 2025 18 February 2026 - 16 March 2026	1 November 2025 - 17 February 2026

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