












How rates are spent

Combined Rates Assessment and Tax Invoice

Area of spend - Activities	Capital Spend 2023/2024 \$M	Operating Spend 2023/2024 \$M	Percentage funded from rates
 <p>People Supporting youth and the elderly, community services, housing and energy efficiency, democratic participation, safety and learning.</p>	3.5	16.5	71%
 <p>Community facilities Providing and maintaining open spaces and built facilities to meet a range of community needs.</p>	14.3	15.4	59%
 <p>Roads and footpaths Providing our community with an efficient, safe and resilient road network.</p>	35.8	46.7	20%
 <p>Flood protection and control Managing flood hazard and drainage in the more developed areas of Marlborough.</p>	4.8	10.1	46%
 <p>Sewerage Collecting treating and disposing of wastewater to provide sanitary living conditions, protect public health and avoid damaging discharges to the environment.</p>	16.8	13.6	62%
 <p>Stormwater Managing run-off from urban areas helping to protect from flooding and flood damage, to encourage development, reduce erosion and protect the aquatic environment.</p>	2.1	3.1	63%
 <p>Water supply Providing an adequate supply of drinking water for the larger communities, a water supply for firefighting capability and minimising adverse environmental effects.</p>	19.8	12.3	88%
 <p>Solid waste Protecting public health and the environment by managing waste through transfer stations, landfill, waste sorting, resource recovery and re-use, collecting e-waste and storage of hazardous waste.</p>	3.6	18.1	20%
 <p>Environment Sustainably using, developing and protecting our natural and physical resources including land, water, air, native ecosystems and the built environment.</p>	0.7	18.1	53%
 <p>Regulatory Managing pests, dog control, building control (safety and consents), and managing our harbours for maritime safety.</p>	0.3	11.7	38%
 <p>Regional development Achieving economic development, marketing and tourism, parking, irrigation and small township programme.</p>	1.2	6.4	62%

Rates Movements 2023/2024

The total rates and charges for 2023/2024 are estimated at \$87,177,101 (GST exclusive). This represents an increase of \$6,494,809 (8.05%) on last years levy. Following the removal of voluntary targeted rates the rates increase reduces to 7.97%

Your actual rate increase will depend on:

- the change in your land value compared to the rest of the region due to the 15 August 2020 revaluation
- your land use (rural/residential or commercial/industrial)
- what part of the district you live in
- what services you receive (eg water and sewerage)

The significant contributors to the overall rates increase can be seen in the 2023/2024 Annual Plan (Rates Information) on our website. Hard copies are available at our Customer Service Centres and the public libraries.



To compare a property's rates with last year's rates you can visit the rates comparison model on our website: marlborough.govt.nz

2023-2024 Rates Remission and Postponement Policies

Marlborough District Council has policies for remission and postponement of rates, including for Māori freehold land. You can find out full details on our website or by calling into a customer service centre.

Rates remissions

The Council has rates remission policies applying to certain land or ratepayers in the following categories:

- for community, sporting and other organisations
- for land voluntarily protected for natural, historic or cultural purposes
- for residential land in areas zoned commercial or industrial
- for land farmed as one entity where the land is either not adjacent or not in the same ownership
- for agricultural or horticultural land where there are charges for more than one dwelling or accommodation unit which is provided to the owner or staff free of charge
- for a rating unit where there are more than one set of charges and one additional unit is occupied by family members on a rent free basis
- for Urban Residential 2 Greenfields land so that it is not unduly penalised by zoning decisions
- for land that is subdivided in either four to nine or ten or more rating units
- for rates penalties where it is deemed fair and equitable or the payment was late due to circumstances outside of the ratepayer's control
- for water losses due to a leak
- for ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship on a case by case basis
- for residential land affected by natural disaster
- for general-type annual charges and targeted charges on commercial SUIPs less than 20m²
- for residential rural rating units with an out of district connection to the combined water or sewerage scheme

Rates postponements

The Council has rates postponement policies applying in the following categories:

- to assist ratepayers experiencing extreme financial hardship
- to offer ratepayers over 65 years of age the opportunity to postpone all or some of their rates

Māori freehold land

The Council has a remission and postponement of rates policy on Māori freehold land which is considered using the same criteria as for other remissions and postponements.

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