

Your Rates and Charges



How are rates set?

State Government, via the Essential Services Commission (ESC), sets the rate cap which determines the maximum amount that rates can be increased each year. This includes municipal charges. Council has approved rates to increase by 3.5% in 2023-24 in line with the ESC determination. This is the average increase across the Shire and well below the current annual CPI inflation rate of 6.0% for the June 2023 quarter.

How are waste charges set?

Council's waste charges are based on recovery of costs for disposal of waste and recyclables from the Mansfield Shire Resource Recovery Centre and from kerbside collections. Increases in landfill disposal and Environment Protection Authority (EPA) levies charged by the Victorian Government have contributed to increases in the waste charges. The 2023-24 waste charge is comparable to waste service charges at neighbouring councils and remains below the 2018-19 charge for this service despite inflationary and cost pressures.

Council's Rate Notice is split into rates and the following compulsory charges:



Municipal charge

Supports the administrative costs of Council.



Bin levy

Charge to contract a service provider to collect waste from properties.



Community waste levy

Serves the Shire's public waste bins and operation and upgrade of the Resource Recovery Centre.



Fire services property levy

Collected on behalf of the State Government Revenue Office to fund the State's fire services.

How are my rates calculated?

Total rates for the municipality



Council determines rates revenue needed within cap



Divided by combined value of all rateable properties



To get the rate in the dollar

What you pay



Multiply the value of your property



By the rate in the dollar



To calculate your rates for the year



Do non-resident ratepayers get a waste discount?

No, the Act mandates that Council must provide general waste and recycling services to all landholders. All residential properties are charged for a fortnightly recycling and a weekly waste kerbside collection service. This ensures equity of community access to high quality recycling and waste services and removes the incentive to illegally dispose of waste.

Green bin coming to urban areas in 2024

Community engagement will be undertaken later this year in preparation for the introduction of a green waste bin. This will be introduced in the urban areas of Mansfield Shire from July 2024 with a fortnightly pickup. Only households that receive a green waste bin will be charged for this service.

Can I change my bin size?

The 2023-24 charge for a standard 120 litre general waste bin (red lid) is \$281.00 while an 80 litre general waste bin costs \$187.33. Ratepayers can opt to resize their general waste bin to better fit their needs and consequently reduce their waste cost. Ratepayers can also help by making sure that they always put their rubbish in the right bin, reducing contamination of recyclables.

For further information go to mansfield.vic.gov.au

How \$100 of your rates is spent



Can you help Mansfield Historical Society and contribute to Mansfield's proud history?

In 2022 Council obtained funding of approximately \$1.5M through the The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, alongside support from the Mansfield Community Bank, to enable the Mansfield Historical Society (MHS) to build the new Heritage Museum (building shell to lockup). Construction is currently planned to commence in October 2023.

MHS are now seeking support to help fund \$600,000 needed to professionally design and build the exhibits of the new museum. If you would like to contribute to Mansfield's proud history, visit mansfieldhistoricalsociety.com.au or scan the QR code.

