



Paying your rates

Payment methods

See the Valuation and Rates Notice included with this brochure for a full list of payment methods.

Due dates

You have two options for paying your rates.

Option 1 - Ten monthly instalments

Direct debit only – pay 10 monthly instalments on the 15th of each month (or next business day) starting September 2024. You are required to complete a Direct Debit Form (available on our website) and return it to us to pay using this method.

Option 2 - Four instalments

You may choose to prepay any or all of your instalments before these dates:

- First instalment: 30 September 2024
- Second instalment: 30 November 2024
- Third instalment: 28 February 2025
- Fourth instalment: 31 May 2025

Late payments may incur penalty interest.

Your rates at work in 2023/24

841 trees planted



1,200 hectares

of parkland maintained



75

major road and footpath works undertaken



30

major stormwater and drainage works



864

families attended playgroups



365

grants delivered to community organisations and individuals



122,102

swimming lessons delivered



850,000

visits to our leisure centres



7,415 tonnes

of waste diverted from landfill for recycling



5,298

immunisations administered



497,982

books, ebooks and audiobooks loaned through our libraries



20,551

meals home delivered to older residents and residents living with disability



Contact us

For more information, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/rates

You can also contact us on **9205 5555** or by email at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au

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Languages

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Budget highlights

Your rates help us deliver over 100 services and programs that contribute to the wellbeing and vibrancy of Yarra, making it a fantastic place for our community to live, work, and play.

This year, rates account for 55% of Yarra's total income in the 2024/25 Budget. Despite significant external financial pressures Yarra remains committed to delivering high quality services and programs for its community.

Some highlights include:



Renewing roads and drainage systems



Delivering new parks and open spaces



Renewing aquatic and leisure centres



Supporting local trader groups



Expanding kindergartens and youth programs



Improving community engagement



Improving walking and cycling safety infrastructure



Addressing the climate emergency



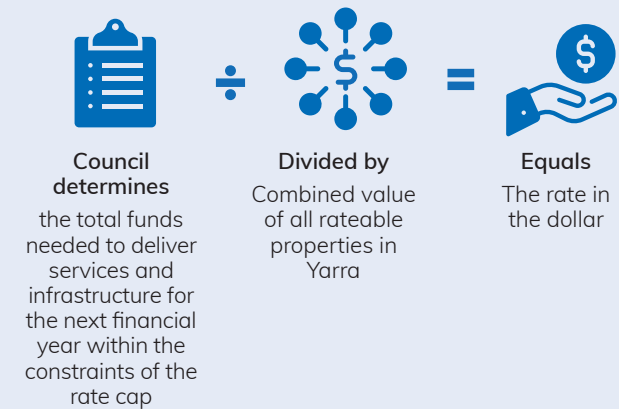
Supporting a coordinated response to homelessness

Calculating your rates

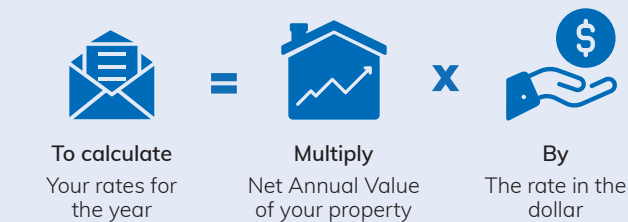
First we calculate the rate in the dollar

For 2024/25, the rate in the dollar is 0.0338081370.

Here's how we calculated that:



We then apply the rate in the dollar to your property



How much will I pay?

The 2024/25 Budget includes a 2.75% rate increase, in line with the 2024/25 rate cap under the Fair Go Rates system. Depending on your property value change, your rates may increase by more or less than 2.75%.

Your rates notice also includes a separate Fire Services Property Levy, which is collected by Council and remitted in full to the Victorian Government to partially fund Fire Rescue Victoria. This levy has increased for 2024/25. Residential rates are now \$132 (up from \$125), with a variable rate of 8.7 cents per \$1,000 of Capital Improved Value (CIV), compared to 4.6 cents per \$1,000 for 2023/24.

None of the FSPL is kept by Council; it does not fund any council services.

Your rates notice also includes a separate Waste Services charge. Last year, we separated the cost of providing waste services from general rates. The money collected through the public waste rate and kerbside waste rate can only be used to cover the costs of providing waste and recycling services in Yarra.

In July, we introduced our new food and garden organics (FOGO) collection service. With the introduction of this service Yarra is now providing our community with all four waste streams required under the Victorian Government's Circular Economy legislation.

How is my property value calculated?

Valuations for council rates, fire services property levy, and land tax are made annually in accordance with the Valuation of Land Act 1960. This ensures that your rates will accurately reflect the value of your property in relation to others in your area. Valuer-General Victoria is the sole authority on property valuations. Valuations are determined by comparing the data elements of your property to the data elements of similar properties that have sold. Find out more, including information about valuation objections, at yarracity.vic.gov.au/valuation

Pensioner support

We are one of the few councils to give additional rebates to pensioners

For the 2024/25 financial year, we are providing eligible pension card holders with an additional \$209.70 rebate. This is in addition to the \$309.50 rebate for 2024/25, which all Victorian councils provide.

Hardship assistance

Let us know if you're experiencing any form of hardship. We have a range of options regarding payment arrangements, which can be tailored to suit each ratepayer's individual situation.

You can read more highlights and a full Budget breakdown at yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget