

# Proposed Waste Service Charge (WSC) Fact Sheet



## What is the proposed Waste Service Charge (WSC)?

The cost associated with waste management including bin collection, waste treatment and disposal is not currently identified on individual City of Mount Gambier rate notices as it is included within Council's 'General Rate Revenue'.

To highlight the cost of waste management, Council proposes to adjust its rating structure to remove the waste component from the General Rates and introduce it as a new separate fixed Waste Service Charge (WSC).

The proposed WSC will be administered in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 and will not be an additional cost to most ratepayers. Council does not intend to raise overall rates and charges associated with the WSC.

## Rate notice example (based on 2020/2021 average residential property rates)

ENQUIRIES	RATING DETAILS	RATEABLE VALUE	AMOUNT
Rating or general enquiries: <b>Tel: 08 8721 2555</b>  Valuation enquiries: <b>Tel: 1300 653 345</b>  Regional Landscape Levy enquiries: <b>Tel: 08 8735 1177</b>	RESIDENTIAL	230,210 CV @ .00245125	\$564.30
	FIXED CHARGE		<del>\$682.70</del>
	<b>Waste Service Charge</b>		<b>\$200</b>
	REGIONAL LANDSCAPE LEVY RESIDENTIAL		\$78.60
			<b>\$482.70 (minus \$200)</b>
			<b>\$1,325.60</b>
			<b>\$332.60</b>

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1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
\$332.60	\$331.00	\$331.00	\$331.00
Due By 10/09/2021		Due By 11/03/2022	Due By 10/06/2022

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\*Figures subject to variation based on 2021/2022 rates and individual property.

## Why does Council plan to implement the WSC?

The proposed WSC is an environmental decision to make waste management costs visible and clear to ratepayers by highlighting the waste fee for each property on the rates notice.

Waste management is one of the largest costs to the community and Council wishes to encourage ratepayers to consider their personal environmental impact and the costs associated with waste management. The proposed WSC will also bring the City of Mount Gambier in line with neighbouring council areas which already specify waste charges on rates notices.

## How much is the proposed WSC and how is it calculated?

The proposed WSC is \$200.00 per year and is calculated based on last year's (2019/2020) and this year's (2020/2021) actual and budgeted waste collection, treatment and disposal costs per rateable assessment.



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## Who will need to pay the proposed WSC?

The proposed WSC will be charged on the basis of the service being available to a property. It will exclude vacant land and primary production where there is no dwelling on the land.

## Will my rates go up as a result of the proposed WSC?

No. It is proposed that the WSC will be financed by reducing the General Rates - Fixed Charge by \$200.00. Therefore, the introduction of the WSC is cost neutral and there is no bottom-line impact on most ratepayer assessments.

However, in the draft 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget Council has determined that there will be an increase in the overall general rate revenue equivalent to 4.5% in accordance with the Long Term Financial Plan.

## How will Council encourage responsible personal waste management with the introduction of the proposed WSC?

The proposed separate WSC will establish the framework to allow for flexibility to provide future incentives for ratepayers who demonstrate good waste management.

Council will continue to work with the community to provide waste education and awareness programs to encourage waste reduction and recycling to divert rubbish from landfill.

## Where will the funds for the proposed WSC go?

The proposed WSC will be used to cover all waste associated costs.

In any year that the total WSC results in a surplus, funds will be accounted for in a specific 'waste' reserve as per the Local Government Act 1999, to be used on waste related services.

## When will Council implement the proposed WSC?

It is proposed that the WSC will be highlighted on rates notices as 'Waste Service Charge' from 1 July 2021.

## How can I have my say about the proposed WSC?

The community is encouraged to provide feedback about the WSC through the draft 2021/2022 Annual Business Plan and Budget and Waste Service Charge community consultation process which will occur from Wednesday 19 May until Friday 11 June 2021.

**Submissions, including feedback and questions, regarding the proposed Waste Service Charge and Draft Business Plan and Budget close at 5:00pm on Friday 11 June 2021 and can be made via:**



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