

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Rates may be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, direct debit, automatic payment, internet banking and telephone banking. Currently council does NOT accept payment by credit card.

Council's bank account number is 03-0638-0502288-00. Please quote your valuation number as the reference. This is located on the top right hand side of your rates invoice. If you are paying for more than one property by internet banking please process a separate payment for each property using the valuation number of that property as the reference.

Direct debits can be arranged by contacting customer services on (06) 867 2049. Monthly direct debits will be taken from your nominated bank account on the 20th of each month. Quarterly direct debits are taken from your nominated bank account on the due date. Council recommends you use this option as provided you have funds in your bank account you will never be charged a penalty. All completed direct debit forms need to be sent to Council for processing.

Regular automatic payments can be arranged by contacting customer services on (06) 867 2049. You will need to take the automatic payment form to your bank for processing. Remember to revise your existing automatic payment to allow for the rates increase. Please contact customer services on (06) 867 2049 if you need assistance. Automatic payments have the disadvantage that you will have to visit your bank to change the amount every year; otherwise you may receive a penalty for under payment.

DUE/PENALTY DATES & ADDITIONAL CHARGES ON RATES:

Instalment 1:	20 Aug 2009	Penalty 10%
Instalment 2:	20 Nov 2009	Penalty 10%
Instalment 3:	22 Feb 2010	Penalty 10%
Instalment 4:	20 May 2010	Penalty 10%

A 10% penalty will be added on any instalment amount not paid by 5pm on the due/penalty date.

Under Section 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a penalty of 10% will be added to all rates from previous years that remain unpaid on 8 July 2009. A further 5% may be added on 11 January 2010 to rates from previous years that remain unpaid on that date.

OWNERS MAY REQUEST THEIR NAME AND/OR POSTAL ADDRESS BE WITHHELD FROM THE RATING INFORMATION DATABASE

An owner whose particulars are included on the database may request council to withhold his or her name and / or postal address from the database.

Please provide in writing details of the names and addresses and the location of the property for which you require details to be withheld.



General enquiries regarding this notice

Customer Services

Ph: (06) 867 2049

Email: service@gdc.govt.nz

www.gdc.govt.nz



Rates News
For July 2009

DUE DATE AND PENALTY DATES HAVE CHANGED

Your rates are due on the 20th of the month.

They are now the same date. The due date/penalty date is no longer a Friday. It is the 20th unless the 20th is a weekend or public holiday, then it will be the following working day.

DUE/PENALTY DATES ON RATES FOR THIS RATING YEAR:		
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OPTIONAL RATES POSTPONEMENT SCHEME FOR OVER 65'S

Paying rates can be a huge burden for people in their retirement years. If you are 65 or over and own your own property, you can remove annual rates from your life by joining Council's rates postponement scheme and have your rates paid by the scheme until such time that you either sell your home or on settlement of your estate. Please contact customer services (06) 867 2049 for further information. You will still be entitled to a rates rebate if you are on the rates postponement scheme. You must come in and apply for the rate rebate each year.

RATES REBATE SCHEME

The Department of Internal Affairs scheme can reduce your rates by up to \$550 per year if you are on a low income. The income threshold is \$21,910 but your household can still earn over this amount and receive a rates rebate. The table below may help you decide whether to apply for a rates rebate. If you received a rates rebate last year an application form has been included with your rates invoice.

Come into council with your application form, rates invoice and any other additional income amounts (before tax) for the year ending 31 March 2009. Council staff will work out your 2009/2010 rate rebate for you. If you receive national superannuation or a government benefit we already have these income amounts.

Extra staff are available during the month of August to work out the rebate for you. As the application is a statutory declaration you must sign the form yourself and have it witnessed. (Council staff can witness the applications.) The only person who can sign on your

Rates Rebate Income Eligibility Table

Household Income	Level of Rates												
	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,800	\$3,000	\$3,200	
\$16,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$17,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$18,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$19,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$20,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$21,000	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$22,000	\$549.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$23,000	\$424.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$24,000	\$299.00	\$432.33	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$25,000	\$174.00	\$307.33	\$440.67	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$26,000	\$49.00	\$182.33	\$315.67	\$449.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$27,000	-	\$57.33	\$190.67	\$324.00	\$457.33	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$28,000	-	-	\$65.67	\$199.00	\$332.33	\$465.67	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$29,000	-	-	-	\$74.00	\$207.33	\$340.67	\$474.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$30,000	-	-	-	-	\$82.33	\$215.67	\$349.00	\$482.33	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$31,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$90.67	\$224.00	\$357.33	\$490.67	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$32,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$99.00	\$232.33	\$365.67	\$499.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$33,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$107.33	\$240.67	\$374.00	\$507.33	\$550.00	\$550.00
\$34,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$115.67	\$249.00	\$382.33	\$515.67	\$550.00
\$35,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$124.00	\$257.33	\$390.67	\$550.00
\$36,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$132.33	\$265.67	\$550.00
\$37,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$7.33	\$140.67
\$38,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15.67

behalf is a person who has Power of Attorney over your affairs. You will still be entitled to a rates rebate if you are on the rates postponement scheme. The rebate will be paid to your rate account.

You can only receive a refund of the rates rebate when your annual rates are paid in full. This is often in May after the 4th instalment is paid. Further information about the rate rebate scheme is available from customer services at Council's offices in Fitzherbert Street **(06) 867 2049** or you can go to www.raterabates.govt.nz

The closing date for this year's application is 30 June 2010.

RATES INCREASE FOR 2009/2010

This 2009/2010 year we will be collecting \$42.72M, which is 3.32% higher than the amount of \$41.35M collected in 2008/2009.

Different ratepayers will not all receive the same rate increase. There are three things that vary the amount of rates that any rateable property pays:

- The valuation of the property
- The degree to which the cost of Council's activities and services rise or fall each year
- Land use
- The location of the property (i.e. what targeted rates that you are liable for)

DISTRICT REVALUATION

2008 was a revaluation year for the Gisborne district. All properties were re-valued for rating purposes. The valuations reflect market levels as of 1 September 2008.

The new property values have been used to calculate rates for 2009/2010

SALE OF PROPERTY

If you have sold your property and this rates notice is still in your name, it would indicate that notification of the sale may not have been received by council. Please ask your solicitor to send the notification to us as soon as possible.