

# Removal of the District Wide Benefit Rates

## for water and wastewater and Trade Waste Targeted Fixed Rate

Providing drinking water and disposing of wastewater and trade waste had been considered by Council to benefit everyone, and so some of the cost to deliver these services are covered by all ratepayers.

These are the "District Wide Benefit" and Trade Waste Contribution rates on your rates account. Council has taken the approach to move water and wastewater services to a 'user pays' model as we move to Waikato Waters.

From 1 July 2027 water and wastewater charges will be set by WWL through their Water Services Strategy and then only connected and serviceable (able to connect) properties can be charged.

For more information visit WWL website: [www.waikatowaters.co.nz](http://www.waikatowaters.co.nz)

Council is proposing to remove all the remaining districtwide rates for water and wastewater and trade waste contribution charged to all rating units in the district for 2026/27.

The impact will vary for properties with one or both water and wastewater services. The estimated rates given on the following page are based on the proposed budget for 2026/27.



## What these rate changes mean for you

We're changing how we fund water, wastewater and trade waste services so that people pay more directly for the services they receive.

Note: These figures are based on the draft budget for water supply and wastewater treatment in 2026/27, comparing the proposed changes to the existing Revenue and Financing Policy.

Here's what it means for your household:

### If you get Council drinking water

- Te Kūiti: Your rates would go up by \$16 a year.
- Piopio, Maniaiti/Benneydale or Mōkau: Your rates would go up by \$34 a year.

### If you do NOT get Council drinking water

- You would save \$29 a year.

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### If you're connected to Council wastewater

- Your rates would go up by \$29 a year.

### If you're NOT connected to wastewater

- You would save \$31 a year.

### Therefore if you're not connected to water or wastewater services:

- You will save \$60 a year.

### Everyone saves on Trade Waste

All ratepayers would save \$42 a year because the Trade Waste Targeted Fixed Rate is being removed.

## Removal of Trade Waste Targeted Fixed Rate

Currently all rateable properties contribute towards the trade waste costs through the Trade Waste Targeted Fixed Rate.

This subsidy will be absorbed into the wastewater treatment costs offset by the Trade waste fees and charges revenue.



Your water and wastewater rates will be included as separate line items in your rate bill (on the back page of the rates bill). The 2026/27 rates revenue will be collected by WDC and then transferred to WWL who are delivering water and wastewater services from 1 July 2026.

<https://www.waitomo.govt.nz/council/rating-information/rates-calculator/>

The calculator includes water and wastewater rate lines. In your next rates account these will be shown separately, however, you will still pay one rates invoice.

## What is trade waste?

Any liquid produced from a trade premises that is discharged into the wastewater network.

