

2025-2026

# ***What are my rates funding?***

On your invoice from Christchurch City Council you will see a charge for Environment Canterbury's rates. These rates are collected for us by Christchurch City Council so you only have one bill to pay.

**Got questions?**

Go to [ecan.govt.nz/rates](https://ecan.govt.nz/rates)



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Canterbury**  
Regional Council  
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# Making sense of your invoice

## Types of rates

**General rates** — are charged based on the capital value and location of your property.

**Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)** — is a standard charge which is the same for all rateable units regardless of property value.

**Targeted rates or differentials (D)** — are charged where there is a specific benefit to the property owner. Rates can be targeted by service or geographical area.

## What your rates pay for

- **Air quality** — Air pollution reduction by carrying out activities in the Canterbury Air Regional Plan and assisting with getting new home heating technology into people's homes.
- **Flood protection (D) and regional river works** — Reducing the impact of flooding by works and services on river control and flood protection. This work is charged both regionally and

according to location and proximity to river. Coding for flood protection indicates which river catchment (eg WEC – Waimakariri-Eyre-Cust), and risk level (eg Class A – high risk).

- **Civil Defence Emergency Management** — Making sure we're prepared in the event of disaster.
- **Healthier Homes Canterbury** — Repayment of a loan for a Clean Heat appliance and/or insulation installation.
- **Pest management** — Control of invasive and destructive animal and plant pests through inspection, advice, education, monitoring and investigation.
- **Pest Free Banks Peninsula** — Activities supporting the Pest Free Banks Peninsula initiative.
- **Biodiversity** — Works to support a flourishing environment, particularly native flora and fauna.
- **Rabbit control (D)**
- **Public transport (D)** — Planning and delivering a sustainable public transport service.

- **Greater Christchurch Transport and Urban Development** — Working with other councils and agencies to plan for and support the needs of a growing region.
- **Freshwater management** — A collaborative framework to help manage the region's freshwater resource.

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## Payment details

Payment options, dates, penalties and locations for payment will be the same as your Christchurch City Council rates.

## Can't pay your rates?

In certain circumstances payment of rates may be postponed or remitted. To find out more about this, visit [ecan.govt.nz/policies](https://ecan.govt.nz/policies)

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