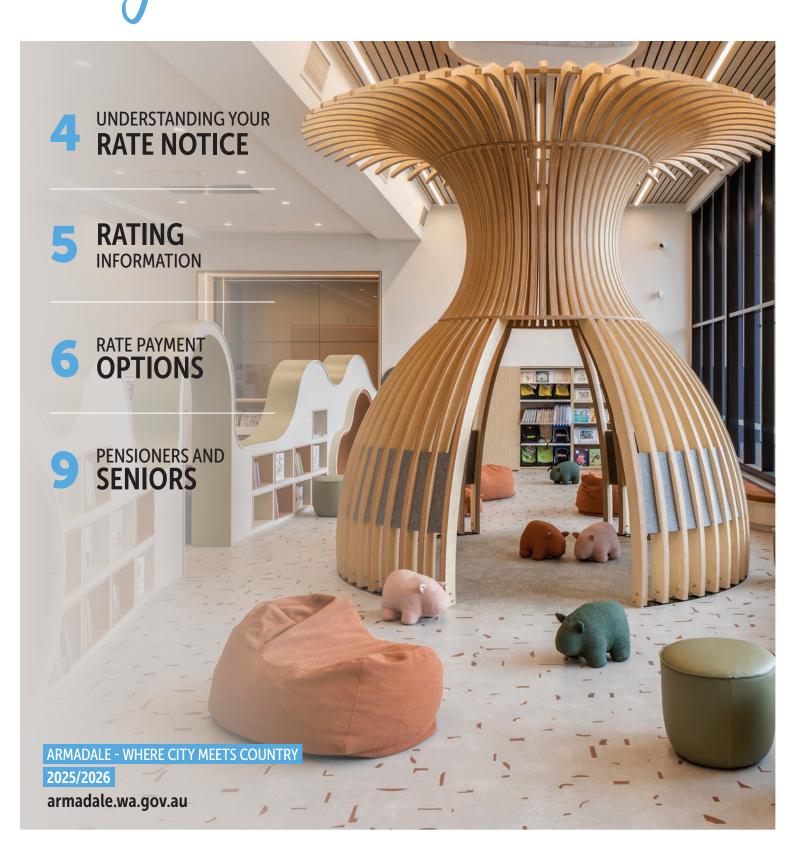
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MAYOR'S Message



2025/2026 BUDGET Overview

I am pleased to share with you that Council recently approved the 2025/2026 annual budget, which commits \$231M to City services, capital projects, debt management and savings for future asset renewal.

This budget responds to the high growth within our City and reflects our commitment to provide access to quality services and facilities for all of our residents. We're continuing our ambitious capital works program to meet growing demand, while keeping a close eye on our long-term financial sustainability and responsible levels of debt.

One of the exciting projects kicking off this year is the development of the Armadale 'Central Park' project. With the Armadale train line opening in October 2025, we have a unique opportunity to compliment and rejuvenate the area surrounding the new Armadale Station. The project will deliver a series of welcoming and vibrant community spaces, which will encourage visitation, activation and economic growth, and connect people of all ages.

Construction has commenced on the \$5.8 million multipurpose pavilion and car park at Morgan Park in Seville Grove, replacing the outdated 1970s building with a modern facility that better serves the needs of our community. We're also investing around \$4 million in a new playing field and sports complex in Piara Waters West to

support the growing population in our newer suburbs.

We continue with our popular festivals and events programs, which include Armadale Highland Gathering and the Perth Kilt Run, Armadale Arts Festival, Carols by Candlelight and Music in the Park. We are also looking forward to reintroducing our Australia Day Fireworks in 2026, now that the METRONET project is nearing completion. The January 2026 event will be bigger and better than ever - with live entertainment, food, activities for children and a huge fireworks display.

An important part of the budget are the funds allocated to care for our environment. This year we have earmarked over \$3 million for energy management, environmental planning and monitoring, habitat and biodiversity protection, and waterways and land management. In addition to these programs, we are also boosting our Urban Forest Strategy by \$1 million this year, which will help us to plant trees to cool our suburbs and replace trees lost to the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle.

Road upgrades remain a priority, with a \$15 million investment in both renewal and new

infrastructure works. This includes major projects like the Eighth Road upgrade from Wyee Place to Haynes Shopping Centre and the Mason Road/Wright Road roundabout. We're also including more bus shelters and EV charging stations as part of our Integrated Transport Strategy.

We understand the importance of planning for the future, so we continue to set aside appropriate funding for the renewal of the City's assets (roads, buildings, bridges, drainage infrastructure), ensuring future generations won't bear the full cost of replacing major assets. Our asset renewal budget remains steady at \$18 million and will increase by \$1 million each year to keep pace with the ageing of infrastructure.

Thank you to my Councillor colleagues and the City's officers for all your hard work whilst developing the 2025/2026 Budget, and continued efforts to make the City of Armadale better year after year.

Ruth Butterfield Mayor City of Armadale

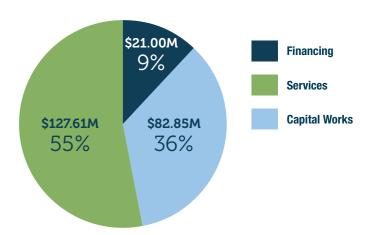
The City of Armadale continues to be one of the highest urban growth areas in Western Australia. The population now exceeds 109,000 and is expected to grow to nearly 150,000 by 2046.

The City is working hard to continue to provide the services and infrastructure our growing community needs in the most financially responsible manner, whilst ensuring we look after our environmental and cultural heritage.

This year, the Council has set an operating budget of \$128 million, to deliver a range of City services. These services include maintaining our local parks, community facilities and libraries, providing important community services including City Rangers, emergency management and public health, and maintaining our roads, drainage and footpath networks.

The \$83 million capital investment budget will see a number of projects progressed, which includes two regional projects - a destination park in the City Centre and preliminarily works on a regional recreation centre for multiple sports. In addition, the City continues with the upgrade and renewal of three community buildings, the development of new sports grounds in Piara Waters West and renewed parks, playgrounds and lighting, and footpaths.

Financing commitments of the City total \$21 million and include allocations to cash reserves for future works, and repaying debt, which this year will total \$33 million.

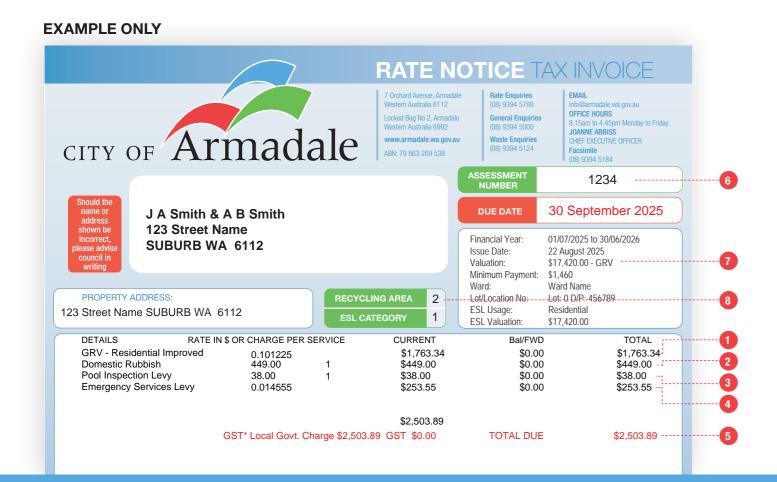


At \$96 million, rate revenue makes up just 42% of the City's total revenue with other sources of funds making up the remaining 58%. These include fees, charges, grants, contributions, and interest earnings. Notably, the City's capital budget earmarks \$40.4 million in grants for major projects from the State and Federal governments. This enables the City to progress transformational projects, including Central Park and stage one of the Armadale Regional Recreation Reserve.

Source of Funds	\$million	%
Rate Revenue	\$96.27	42%
Fees and Charges	\$37.68	16%
Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	\$6.53	3%
Interest Earnings	\$6.67	3%
Other Revenue/Income	\$0.67	<1%
Non Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	\$50.23	22%
Proceeds from the Sale of Assets	\$1.70	1%
From Cash Reserves	\$18.55	8%
Loans	\$10.17	4%
Financial Assistance Grant paid in advance	\$3.00	1%
Total Sources of Funds	\$231.46	100%

^{*}percentages may not total 100% due to rounding

UNDERSTANDING YOUR Rate Notice



1 How are your rates calculated?

This is your rates amount for 2025/2026, which is calculated by multiplying the rate in the dollar by the valuation (GRV set by the Valuer General at Landgate – see page 5 for explanation).











cents in dollar set by the Council) (GRV of your property as set by the Valuer General)

2 Domestic Rubbish charge

Pays for your:

- Weekly general waste and fortnightly recycling bins collection
- One scheduled bulk waste verge collection
- Two scheduled green waste verge collections
- One booked mattress collection
- Four (4) tip passes

- 3 Pool Inspection fee
 - This covers the cost of regular safety compliance inspections.
- 4 Emergency Services Levy
 - (refer to DFES flyer)
 - This is a State Government charge, shown on all Council rate notices. ESL money levied is paid to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.
- 5 Total Due, this is the total amount payable for 2025/2026
- 6 Your property assessment number
 Required for when you register for e-Rates online
 (refer to back page for e-Rates information)
- 7 This is your Gross Rental Value (GRV) as set by Landgate
- 8 This is your recycling day
 (Refer to your Waste and Recycling Guide)

RATING Information

In the Gross Rental Value (GRV) areas of the City

Under the *Local Government Act 1995* the City imposes differential rates on certain categories of properties. The categories are split into:

- GRV Residential Improved
- GRV Vacant Land
- GRV Business Improved

Council has imposed the following differential rates:

GRV Residential Improved Land – The rate in the dollar for this GRV differential has been increased by 3.6%.

GRV Vacant Land – The rate in the dollar for this GRV differential has been increased by 3.6%. The rate in the dollar is higher than residential improved land in an effort to promote the development of all properties to their full potential, thereby stimulating economic growth and development in all areas of the community.

GRV Business Improved Land – The rate in the dollar for this GRV differential has been increased by 3.6%. It is different to the residential land rate to recognise the higher demand on the City's infrastructure and services, occasioned by matters such as:

- The City's Economic Development function which is largely to provide support for the industrial and commercial community;
- The improvements to the upgrade of and renewal of the street network in the CBD, including improvements to the street lighting systems;
- Increased maintenance and operational costs in and around shopping precincts including verge mowing, litter removal, street trees and weed control spraying;
- Increased maintenance and operational costs in industrial areas, particularly related to drainage.

In the Unimproved Value (UV) areas of the City

The proposed rate in the dollar has been set to ensure that the proportion of total rate revenue derived from unimproved valued (UV) land remains consistent with previous years.

Details of the rates and minimum payments to apply are as follows:

Rate Groups	Rate in \$ (cents)	Minimum payment (\$)	Number of rateable properties	Total rates levied (\$)						
Gross Rental Value area										
Differential Rates										
Vacant Land	15.6916	1,265	3,564	9,245,019						
Residential Improved	10.1225	1,460	36,794	71,149,128						
Business Improved	10.5632	1,698	1,213	13,211,461						
Unimproved Value area										
General Rate	0.5118	1,748	139	727,657						
Totals			41,710	94,333,265						

For further information on the City's objects and reasons, please visit the City's website, **www.armadale.wa.gov.au**

Residential Rates Concession

A Residential Rates Concession has been implemented in accordance with Section 6.47 of the *Local Government Act 1995* by the City of Armadale for 2025/2026. This concession is provided to properties in a Business Improved zoned area but used for residential purposes to be rated in a like manner to properties in residential areas.

Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge applicable to all properties in WA, which is invoiced and collected by local governments on behalf of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).

The ESL provides the majority of funding required for the emergency services provided by DFES, and for local government Bushfire Brigades and SES units. The amount of ESL to be collected, and the applicable rates and charging parameters, are declared annually by the Minister for Emergency Services.

For more information please refer to the ESL section of the DFES website **www.dfes.wa.gov.au/esl** or enquire on **1300 136 099.**

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SPECIFIED AREA RATES (SAR)

Some areas pay a SAR to cover the cost of additional services in that location.

1. Townscape Amenity Service

The purpose of the Townscape Amenity SAR, is to enhance the amenity level of specified areas through increased service levels in programs such as litter control, verge and streetscape maintenance, verge mowing, etc.

The Townscape Amenity Service has four business/ commercial areas;

- Specified Area A Armadale Town Centre
- Specified Area B Kelmscott Town Centre
- Specified Area C Kelmscott Industrial Area
- Specified Area D South Armadale Industrial Area

Area	Rate in dollar (cents)	Number of Properties	Total SAR levied (\$)
SAR A	0.4617	89	136,200
SAR B	0.9329	80	77,100
SAR C	0.1800	348	22,600
SAR D	0.3713	142	26,000
Total		659	261,900

2. Residential Amenity Service

The purpose of the Residential Amenity Services SAR is to maintain and enhance the public open space provided in the newer residential estates to a standard higher than that which occurs in public open space, throughout the remainder of the City. These include maintenance of irrigation systems, garden beds and park lighting.

The Residential Amenity Services SAR is focused on the new residential areas of Harrisdale/Piara Waters (SAR F) and Champion Lakes (SAR G).

Area	Rate in dollar (cents)	Number of Properties	Total SAR levied (\$)
SAR F	0.2848	5,100	344,000
SAR G	0.2435	333	15,000
Total		5,433	359,000

RATE PAYMENT

Pay in full by the due date 30 September 2025



- 1st payment due 30 September 2025
- 2nd payment due 3 February 2026

The cost for this option includes an administration fee of \$10.00 and an interest charge calculated at 5.5% per annum.

Pay by four instalments

- 1st payment due 30 September 2025
- 2nd payment due 2 December 2025
- 3rd payment due 3 February 2026
- 4th payment due 7 April 2026

The cost for this option includes an administration fee of \$30.00 (\$10.00 per payment) and an interest charge calculated at 5.5% per annum.

Note for both instalment options:

The first instalment must include all arrears of rates and charges otherwise payment by instalment is not available.

Payments that are not made by the due date will also attract a late payment interest charge of 7% per annum.

Ratepayers will forfeit the right to pay by the two or four instalment options if the first instalment is not paid in full by the due date.*

*Payment must be made at the amount shown on the notice to trigger the instalment option.

A Smarter Way to Pay - Direct Debit

Pay your rates on an ongoing basis through a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly direct debit from your cheque or savings account (refer to page 7 for further information).

Financial Hardship information

If you are unable to pay your rates in full or according to the instalment plans offered by the City, A Smarter Way to Pay direct debit arrangement can be set up.

To discuss the details of a financial hardship application please contact our Rates Team on (08) 9394 5788.

See your Rates Notice for payment methods and full payment options.











A SMARTER Way to Pay

Pay your rates on an ongoing basis through a weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit.

* Terms and conditions apply.

Ease the burden that a lump sum or limited instalment payment program can cause.

No administration fees or penalty interest for this

Direct Debit payments are accepted from a cheque or savings account only, not a credit card. Payments are reviewed annually.

* Dishonoured payment fee of \$25.00 per dishonour applies.



Contact the City's Rates Department on (08) 9394 5164 to sign up and we can discuss this payment method.



Payment Plan Options:

7 monthly payments example

If your Rates Notice total is \$2,256 \$2,256 / 7 monthly payments = \$322.29 rounded to \$323 (starting in September – first year only)

12 monthly payments example

If your Rates Notice total is \$2,256 \$2,256 / 12 monthly payments = \$188 (starting in April)

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Monthly examples	Apr 2025	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2026	Feb	Mar
No. of Months (7)				First ye	car	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Amount	April s	tart		Sept st		\$323	\$323	\$323	\$323	\$323	\$323	\$323
No. of Months (12)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Amount	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188	\$188

In March 2026 the City will review your direct debit and your next year estimated rates will be paid over 12 months (April 2026 to March 2027)

14 fortnightly payments example

If your Rates Notice is \$2,256 \$2,256 / 14 fortnights = \$161.14 rounded to \$162 a fortnight (starting in September – first year only)

4 26 fortnightly payments example

If your Rates Notice total is \$2,256 \$2,256 / 26 fortnights = \$86.77 rounded to \$87 a fortnight (starting in April)

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	Fortnightly examples	Apr	Apr 2025 Sept 2025															Mar 2026									
3	No. of Fortnights (14)								First year						2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Amount	Ap	vil s	tar	-				Sept start				\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162	
4	No. of Fortnights (26)	(1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Amount	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87	\$87

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OTHER RATES AND CHARGES Information

Late payment interest

Pursuant to Section 6.51 of the Local Government Act 1995, a late payment interest charge on outstanding rates and charges calculated at the rate of 7% will apply for the year ending 30 June 2026.

The late payment interest charge will apply to all rates and charges remaining unpaid after the due date. Interest is calculated daily.

Recovery of Rates

If the amount shown as payable in respect of rates and charges is not paid in full, or the first instalment is not paid by the due date or you are not on an agreed Direct Debit arrangement with the City, the full amount will become overdue and may be recovered by court action (for example through a General Procedure Claim (GPC), or Means Enquiry).

The average cost of the general procedure claim (summons) is approximately \$1,500.00. If a GPC is issued against you, the default is registered by the Magistrates Court. Credit reporting agencies within Australia, have the ability to access this information and subsequently record this debt on your credit report, where they are shown for a five

year period. This information is accessed for finance/loan applications. For more information, please go to the ASIC website www.moneysmart.gov.au

Statement of Rates or Rate Book confirmation letter

The following administration fees will apply when requesting a statement of rates or a rate book confirmation letter showing the rating information.

Current year	\$33.00
Current year and up to three prior years	\$67.00
Current year and four or more prior years	\$134.50

Financial Hardship Policy

The City of Armadale has adopted a Rates Assistance and Financial Hardship policy. If you are currently experiencing financial hardship, please contact our Rates Department on (08) 9394 5788 to discuss how we may be able to assist you.

PENSIONERS AND SENIORS REBATE Information The following concession details are in accordance with the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 which is governed by the Office of the State Revenue and administered by the City. The concessions are funded by the Government of Western Australia. If you owned and occupied your house as at 1 July 2025 and currently hold either a: Pension Concession Card State Concession Card • Commonwealth Seniors Health Card together with a WA Seniors Card WA Seniors Card only you may be entitled to claim a rebate and/or deferment on your current rates and Emergency Services Levy (ESL).

Anything changed?







Please advise the City within 21 days after the sale or disposal of land/property, change of name or address, or appointing a managing agent.

If you have a change of address, notify the City promptly in writing to ensure we have the correct address for the service of notices.

Forms are now available via the City's website, Administration Centre or email info@armadale.wa.gov.au with the details and supporting information.

It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure that the City has up to date contact details.

AFAC Fees and **Charges Update**

We do our best to keep membership and casual visit prices to a minimum to make AFAC accessible for everyone.

New fees and charges will soon come into effect. If you're already a member, new membership prices will be communicated directly with you prior to that. Find out more at active.armadale.wa.gov.au



Keep up to date

To keep up to date on events and what your City does for you, all year round, look out for the City Views magazine in your letterbox, sign up to our eNewsletter - 'In the Know', read your local newspapers, follow us on Facebook or visit the City website.



Eligible Pensioner

If you are in receipt of a pension payment and hold the appropriate card mentioned above you may be entitled to a rebate of up to 50% (to a maximum of \$750 as capped by the State Government) on your current rates, plus 50% of the ESL. You may also be able to defer your current rates and ESL.

Eligible Senior

If you hold a Seniors Card only, you may be entitled to a rebate of up to 25% (to a maximum of \$100 as capped by the State Government) on your current rates, plus 25% of

Should you satisfy the criteria listed above and have not previously registered with the City of Armadale, contact the Water Corporation on 1300 659 951 or www.watercorporation.com.au to apply.

If you have outstanding rate arrears on your property and are deemed to be an eligible pensioner or senior you may still be able to claim a rebate and/or deferment on your

current year's rates provided that you enter into a suitable payment arrangement for the arrears. The arrangement must be maintained and is available under the City's direct debit system.

Pro-rata rebates and deferments are allowed for those who become eligible pensioners or seniors during the rating year i.e. after 1 July 2025. If you become a pensioner or senior during the year, please apply via the Water Corporation.

If your circumstances change, particularly with respect to the ownership of your property, or your eligibility as a pensioner or senior, you must notify the City immediately.

Rebates or deferments apply to your current rates and ESL. All other charges, e.g. rubbish service, must be paid in full by 30 September 2025.

Eligible pensioners and seniors are exempt from the late payment/instalment interest charges and instalment/special payment arrangement administration fees.

Visit the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au for further information or Office of State Revenue

www.finance.wa.gov.au



Community Engagement Portal

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Engage Armadale is our online community hub for all things City of Armadale. It's a space for our community to share ideas, discuss important topics, provide feedback on planning, and contribute to the future of our City.

You'll find us asking for help on a wide variety of projects so you can provide real input into the decisions that affect our community.



Join the conversation and register today to have your say at engage.armadale.wa.gov.au

EVENTSEvery year, the City cele

Every year, the City celebrates our diverse community and its residents with a variety of free events throughout the year, such as:



A family-friendly community celebration showcasing Aboriginal culture with a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, traditional dance, live entertainment, kids' activities, petting zoo, climbing walls, sausage sizzle, info stalls and more.



A family-focused fun day celebrating children and families with entertainment including a show, petting zoo, arts & crafts, and information stalls for parents and caregivers.



GATHERING

A vibrant celebration of Scottish heritage with traditional Highland festivities such as pipe band competitions, Highland dancing, heavy lifting events, a medieval fair, clan stalls, Scottish dogs, live music, Ceilidh dancing, food stalls (including haggis), youth activities, and more.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Perth's most accessible Christmas carols featuring a festive parade, carol singing with local choirs and the Armadale City Concert Band, and an inclusive viewing area for all abilities, bringing the community together to celebrate the holiday season.



A family-friendly outdoor movie series featuring must-watch screenings in our beautiful local parks, complete with kids' activities, food vendors, and a relaxed, smoke-free atmosphere for all ages.



RESIDENTS

Every year, the City of Armadale supports residents by providing thousands of free native plant packs to help create greener, more biodiverse neighbourhoods. These packs include a variety of waterwise local species tailored for different garden types, like verge, bushtucker, pollinator, and frog pond plants - making it easy for everyone to contribute to a healthier environment.



And many more. For more information on these events, please visit my.armadale.wa.gov.au/events



AFAC is a year-round destination dedicated to enhancing the health and wellbeing of the Armadale community. With its state-of-the-art facilities—including indoor and outdoor heated pools, a fully-equipped gym, and a wellness suite featuring a sauna, steam room, and spa—the centre caters to individuals of all ages and fitness levels. Its diverse offerings, such as group fitness classes that include a new Limitless Teens program and Les Mills Virtual classes, the creche, and a multi-award-winning Swim School, provide accessible options for residents to engage in physical activity, promote relaxation, and foster a sense of community.

To find out more visit active.armadale.wa.gov.au





WASTE Charge

The Domestic Waste charge of \$449.00 provides the following services for your property per financial year:

- Weekly general waste bin collection
- Fortnightly recycling bin collection
- One scheduled bulk waste verge collection*
- Two scheduled green waste verge collections*
- Booked spring mattress collection maximum two spring mattresses*
- One tip pass valid for up to four (4) uses



* To check your collection zone use the address look up tool at my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/ my-waste-collection-day

Your waste service charge includes the cost of the State Government's landfill levy of \$85 per tonne of waste disposed in landfill. It also covers the cost of litter and illegal dumping collections, compliance and waste education.

Other waste charges

Domestic Waste charge	\$449.00
Commercial annual rubbish and recycling	\$432.00
Additional general waste service (weekly)	\$309.00
Additional recycling service (fortnightly)	\$99.00



Scan the QR code to view the Schedule of Tipping Fees 2025/2026

Using Kerbside Bins

Visit my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/bins-and-collections for more information about your bin collection day, recycling fortnight, how to arrange replacement bins, what goes into

your recycling bin and what should not go into your general waste bins.

A Waste and Recycling Guide is delivered to each household around early December. This contains information about your waste service, including scheduled verge collection dates for the calendar year.

To find out more visit my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/ waste-and-recycling

Tip passes and what they are valid for

This year you will receive one tip pass which is valid for 4 uses, this pass is attached to your Residential Rates Notice. Each tip pass has 4 circles on it, and each use will be hole punched upon entry to the landfill. Each use permits you to dispose of:

- Up to 250kg of sorted waste, OR
- Two spring mattresses, OR
- Up to 250kg of green waste only

One of the four tip pass uses is designated for 4 small passenger car tyres (off-rim) or can be used for any one of the above items.

Tip passes can only be used for loads up to a maximum of 250kg of sorted waste. Anything above 2.6 cubic metres will be charged the applicable fee. This does not apply to tip passes being used for green waste only.

If your residential property is tenanted, please transfer tip passes to tenants.

For more information on how to use your tip passes and what can be dropped off for free, visit my.armadale. wa.gov.au/service/waste-disposal-and-recycling-centres

REGISTER FOR e-Rates



By choosing e-Rates you will be assisting the environment by reducing the impact on trees, plastic, water, greenhouse gas emissions and landfill waste which is all part of paper, envelope, printer cartridge and stamp production.



Register for e-Rates and you'll receive your rate notices, final notice and instalment reminder notices via email. All other correspondence will continue to be posted to the postal address we have on file for the assessment.

Would you like to receive your rates notice in a convenient electronic format? Then register for e-Rates, it's easy! Visit armadale.wa.gov.au/eRates

TO REGISTER

You must have your rates assessment number which can be found on the top right of any previously issued rates notice.



To find out more about e-Rates and how to register, go to www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact us directly on 9394 5788.

Information correct at time of printing 31 July 2025

CITY OF Armadale

CITY OF ARMADALE Administration Centre 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale WA 6112

