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It's time to get your garden ready to dazzle the judges for the 2020 Napier Garden Competition!

Start pruning, weeding and planting. You could win one of six categories or a \$1,000 Mitre 10 MEGA voucher for the overall champion garden.

Entries are open 1 - 28 October!

For more information and to enter visit: www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#gardencompetition**



Spirit of Napier
Lions Club



Wheelie Bin ROLLOUT

Napier is changing from rubbish bags to wheelie bins from 1 October 2020. Bags will not be collected after this date.

You should receive your wheelie bin during September. If not, go online to www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#binrollout** to let us know.

What can go in the wheelie bin?

Household waste that cannot be reused, recycled or composted. **For example:**

- **Damaged items** e.g. broken glass
- **Sanitary products** e.g. nappies, wet wipes
- **Hard plastics** e.g. flower pots, old toys
- **Soft plastics** e.g. plastic wrap, salad bags
- **Polystyrene**

What can't go in the wheelie bin?

Putting any of these items in your bin may mean that your service will be removed.

- **Garden waste**
- **Hazardous waste** e.g. chemicals
- **Medical waste** e.g. syringes
- **Construction waste** e.g. tiles, timber
- **Liquids, paint, hot ash, batteries**

For more information about the change in service visit www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#binrollout**

Sign up for rates by email

And be in to

WIN \$500!

- 1 Head to napier.govt.nz
- 2 Search keyword **#ratesbyemail**
- 3 Have your valuation number handy and you'll be signed up and in the draw within two minutes.

Terms and conditions apply. See www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#ratesbyemail**. Competition ends 30 September 2020.

Congratulations to Morgan Wood!

"I signed up to receive my rates by email to reduce paper waste - I'm always thinking of the trees I have to save. I always get my rates on time now and it's easy to keep track of my invoices electronically. The \$500 prize has gone straight on my mortgage. Thanks to NCC and Westpac!"
- **Morgan Wood.**



Thanks to Westpac - helping Napier City Council reduce its environmental footprint.



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OUR NAPIER

Read inside about outcomes of the Annual Plan 2020/21 consultation, update on property revaluations and new exemptions to the Building Act.



Annual Plan 2020/21 outcomes

During the consultation of our draft Annual Plan 2020/21 we received 310 submissions and heard from 25 submitters wanting to speak to their submissions.

This is a fantastic outcome as our Council appreciates hearing the views of our community as they make important decisions for our city for the year ahead.

Following this process, Council adopted the 2020/21 Annual Plan on 27 August. There will be an average rates increase of 4.8% per household and Council's operating shortfall of \$6.74 million due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be funded using our savings accounts (\$4 million from the Parking Fund and \$2.74 million from the Subdivision and Urban Growth Fund).

This outcome aims to strike a balance with what the community can afford, while continuing important improvements to our water services and the rollout of our new waste management services. The increase will also provide a targeted fund of \$350,000 for both residential and commercial ratepayers facing financial hardship. Applications are now open at www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#ratesassistance**

We believe the Annual Plan for 2020/21 will help our city get back on track while looking after the needs of our entire community.

Property Revaluations



Every three years, all properties in Napier are revalued. Revaluations are a legal requirement and is one of a number of factors used to set your rates. The valuation is calculated based on the information we have about your property, building consents and recent sales. It is not a market valuation.

It is important to note that your current rates will not change until 1 July 2021. New property valuations will be sent to property owners in early December 2020.

You can check and update your property details at www.updatemyproperty.co.nz

New exemptions to the Building Act

New building consent exemptions are being added to the Building Act. From the end of August, building consents will no longer be needed for a number of new or expanded types of low-risk building work, like sleep-outs, sheds, carports, outdoor fireplaces and ground-mounted solar panels.

Some of the new exempt building work can be done without the help of a professional, while others require the involvement of a Chartered Professional Engineer or Licensed Building Practitioner. Building work that does not require a building consent must still comply with the Building Code and other legislative requirements.

Visit www.building.govt.nz for more information.

RATES Information

Direct debit

Direct debit is the easiest way to pay your rates, as you can spread your payments over the year by weekly, fortnightly, monthly or instalment due dates. Paying by direct debit saves you time, and means you won't miss a payment and be charged a penalty. For weekly and fortnightly payments, you can now choose for your payments to come out on either a Tuesday or Thursday.

Many of you will be receiving this by post. If you would like to setup a direct debit, either complete the form on our website at www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#makeapayment** or complete the enclosed direct debit form and return it in the envelope provided.

Or to make a change to an existing payment, email rates@napier.govt.nz, or call us on **(06) 834 4197**.

Rates rebate scheme

If you are a low income household you could be eligible for a rates rebate of up to \$655.

Applications close 30 June 2021.

Visit www.ratesrebates.govt.nz to see if you qualify.

COVID-19 - trouble paying?

Are you experiencing serious financial hardship as a result of COVID-19? You may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$200 for residential ratepayers and up to \$500 for commercial ratepayers. Conditions apply.

Applications close 31 October 2020 and applicants will be notified by 20 November 2020.

For more information visit www.napier.govt.nz, keyword search **#ratesassistance**



For more info or to check your annual rates www.napier.govt.nz keyword search **#rates** e rates@napier.govt.nz | t **06 834 4197**



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