What's the difference between the Regional Council and Ōpōtiki District Council? We look after the environmental management of the region, including protection of the region's land, air and water. We also respond to pollution events and take a lead role in animal and plant pest management. We have an active role in minimising risks from natural hazards, making sure you're safe when on the water along our coast and on our lakes and rivers, and we provide public transport.

Ōpōtiki District Council provides the services you use day to day. This includes quality drinking water, wastewater and stormwater, roads and rubbish collection, as well as providing community facilities such as parks, cycleways, community halls, libraries, swimming pools and sports fields, and hosting community events that contribute to our region's sense of wellbeing and enjoyment.

Why do I have to pay rates to two councils? Every council in New Zealand, including Regional Councils and City and District Councils, collect rates income to help fund the work they're required to do by law.

Do I need to do anything right now? Pay this current invoice as usual. The first Bay of Plenty Regional Council rates payment isn't due **until the end of October 2022.** If you already receive your rates invoice by email you don't need to do anything. If you want to receive your invoice by email sign up at **boprc.govt.nz/rates** otherwise your rates invoice will be delivered by mail.

Did you know...

Our work is funded by a mix of rates, fees, charges, grants and investment income. Council owns an investment company called Quayside Holdings Limited which has a majority shareholding in the Port of Tauranga. Through income received, **the average rates bill in 2021/22 was reduced by around \$350 per property,** a significant saving for ratepayers across the region.



He aha e whai ake nei?

What happens next?

THIS RATES INVOICE

Your payment for this last combined invoice is due Friday 20 May 2022 to the Ōpōtiki District Council

YOUR NEXT RATES INVOICES



2022/23 rates invoice sent out mid July 2022

Rates paid 26 August 2022



2022/23 rates invoice sent out late August 2022 Rates paid

20 October 2022

You can keep updated about the change in rates collection by going to <u>boprc.govt.nz/rates</u> or call our Contact Centre on 0800 884 880



Kia rite mai i te panonitanga **Get ready for change**

How your Bay of Plenty Regional Council rates are invoiced and paid is changing.



He aha ngā pānga o te panonitanga ki a koe

What the change means for you.

Your Bay of Plenty Regional Council rates will no longer be invoiced by Õpōtiki District Council. Instead, you will be invoiced by Bay of Plenty Regional Council and you will pay your rates directly to us.

He aha te take o te panonitanga?

Why the change?

We want to be more transparent and accountable for the work we do for you using your rates.

By invoicing you directly, you will have better visibility of where your money is spent to create a healthy environment, freshwater for life, safe and resilient communities, and a vibrant Bay of Plenty region.

Be green, go paperless. Get your rates invoice by email.



You can help us reduce the impacts of climate change by receiving your rates invoice and communications by email rather than via post.

If you don't already get your invoice by email visit **boprc.govt.nz/rates** to sign up now.

Ngā kaupapa e *tautokohia* e *āu reiti* **The work your rates help fund**



