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Original LGOIMA Request:

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What is the council's advice for anybody still yet to pay rates, or who are struggling to pay them?
I am not sure if you will have this information, but do you know how many rates were paid late last year?

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Official LGOIMA Response:

Council Officers have reviewed your request and have collated the answers below:

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Instalment One for 2023/2024 - due for payment on or before the 25th of August.

I can advise that on the 30th of August, there were **1471** rating units that incurred an Instalment penalty for having not paid Instalment No.1 in full.

What is the latest count for the number of ratepayers in Waitaki?

The number of rating units in the Waitaki Area on the 1st of July 2023 was **13982**.

What is the council's advice for anybody still yet to pay rates, or who are struggling to pay them?

We ask ratepayers to contact the Council Rating Officers so they can discuss and organise a payment plan. We would go over such things as if they are eligible to apply for the rates rebate scheme. Should they like to get further assistance with budgeting we can put them in contact with a group that offers this service locally and free of charge.

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The Arrears Penalty is applied early July to those accounts that still had a balance owing from the 30th of June 2023 (being the last day in the previous 2022/2023 Rating Year).

There were **879** rating units that incurred an Arrears Penalty charge on the evening of the 4th of July. 2023