



**DO NOT ALLOW
DELINQUENT PROPERTY
TAXES TO FORCE RACINE
COUNTY
TO FORECLOSE
ON YOUR PROPERTY**

If the current year taxes are not paid in full before September 1, a Tax Certificate will be issued against the property per Wisconsin State Statute 74.57. This means if you fail to pay the outstanding delinquent real property taxes, special assessments, special charges, special taxes, plus interest and penalty, the ownership of the property will eventually transfer to the County. This transfer can occur two years after issuance of the tax certificate.

The foreclosure process involves fees for title report, certified notices and newspaper publication. These charges are added to your debt and need to be paid, in addition to the delinquent tax balance, if the property is to be redeemed.

**Municipal Treasurers & Assessors
Telephone Numbers**
(Area code 262 unless indicated)

	Treasurer	Assessor
Town of Burlington	763-3070 ext. 222	(800) 721-4157
Town of Dover	878-2200 ext. 10	(608) 943-8009
Town of Norway	895-2463	542-3332
Town of Raymond	835-4426	542-3332
Town of Waterford	534-2350	893-6001
Village of Caledonia	835-6417	835-6424
Village of Elmwood Park	498-9789	598-0893
Village of Mt Pleasant	664-7800	664-7822
Village of North Bay	681-0898	498-7473
Village of Rochester	534-2431	534-2431
Village of Sturtevant	886-7201	886-7236
Village of Union Grove	878-1818	498-7473
Village of Waterford	534-3980	(800) 721-4157
Village of Wind Point	639-3524	(800) 721-4157
Village of Yorkville	878-2123	498-7473
City of Burlington	342-1170	(800) 770-3927
City of Racine	636-9171	636-9119

Jane F. Nikolai
COUNTY TREASURER

**PAYING
REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY TAXES**



Racine County Courthouse
730 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53403-1274

Telephone: (262) 636-3239
Fax: (262) 636-3279
Email: RCTreasurer@racinecounty.com
Website: racinecounty.com/government/county-treasurer

THE “TAX” FACTS

- Real estate property tax bills are prepared and mailed **mid-December** by the local municipalities. Please contact your local municipality if you do not receive your tax bill or if you have questions (telephone numbers listed on back).
- Real estate property taxes are calculated on the assessed value. Please contact the **Assessor** if you have any questions regarding the assessed value of your property (telephone numbers listed on back).
- The first installment is **due by January 31** and paid to the local municipality.
- **IMPORTANT:** If first installment payment is late or short, **ALL** taxes become due and interest and penalty starts accruing as of February 1st, **installment options would no longer be valid.**
- **CITY OF RACINE** allows taxpayers to pay in four (4) installments payable to the City: January 31, March 31, May 31, and July 31. **After July 31**, all payments are payable to the Racine County Treasurer.
- **All Other Municipalities** have two (2) installment options:
January 31 (to municipal treasurer) and July 31 (to Racine County Treasurer).
After January 31, all payments are payable to the Racine County Treasurer.

MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES:

City of Racine properties:

Contact City Assessor's office (262) 636-9119.

All other municipalities:

Email the change to the Register of Deeds at rod@racinecounty.com or call (262) 636-3548.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Contact your mortgage company to escrow for real estate taxes.
- ❖ Obtain bank financing to pay off delinquent property taxes since interest and penalties continue to accrue at an additional **1½% each month** the taxes are delinquent which equals **18% per year.**
- ❖ If you are unable to pay your entire tax bill, at least make a partial payment. **The Treasurer's office cannot waive interest or penalties.**
- ❖ Contact us if you file for bankruptcy, if property is listed for sale or held in probate. Notify us if situation changes.
- ❖ If mailing your payment, ensure that it is **post-marked** on or before the due date to avoid late fees.
- ❖ Make sure your check is made payable to the Racine County Treasurer, check is signed, the tax key number or address is referenced, and the **written amount matches the numeric amount.** Banks use the written amount and if incorrect, the check may be returned to you.
- ❖ Check your tax bill each year to make sure you are receiving the Lottery & Gaming credit if you qualify.

NOTE: For information about tax balances, tax bills or payments, check our website at:

racinecounty.com/government/county-treasurer/property-taxes

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. **Pay in Person (check or cash only) or Mail:**
Racine County Treasurer's Office
Racine County Courthouse
730 Wisconsin Ave, Racine WI 53403
*Office is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.-
Monday - Friday (excluding holidays)*
 2. **Remote Drop-off Site:**
Burlington City Hall, 300 N Pine St,
Burlington
 3. **24-hour “County Treasurer” drop box:**
Drop box is located outside the Courthouse building, east side, next to the U.S. Postal box.
- Make Checks Payable to:**
RACINE COUNTY TREASURER
If you would like a receipt for drop box OR mailed payments, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.
4. **Pay by Credit Card / Electronic Check:**
Call 1-800-272-9829 or use the internet link on the Property Tax Page of the Racine County's website:
racinecounty.com/government/county-treasurer/property-taxes or directly at www.officialpayments.com. The jurisdiction code for Racine County is **5835**.
Third party vendor does charge an additional fee. **(Please contact Official Payments Customer Service office at 1-800-487-4567 if you need assistance using their service.)**