

### What happens if property taxes are not paid on time?

If the current year taxes are not paid in full before September 1st, a <u>Tax</u> Certificate will be issued against the property per Wisconsin State Statute 74.57.

If you fail to pay the outstanding delinquent real property taxes, special assessments, special charges, special taxes, plus interest and penalty, ownership of the property can eventually transfer to the County through the foreclosure process. This transfer can occur two years after issuance of the tax certificate.

The foreclosure process involves fees for title report, certified notices and newspaper publications. 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**

Town of Burlington		
*	Treasurer:	262-763-3070 ext. 7
*	Assessor:	800-721-4157
Town of Dover		
*	Treasurer:	262-878-2200 ext. 10
*	Assessor:	608-943-8009
Town of Norway		
*	Treasurer:	262-895-2463
*	Assessor:	262-542-3332
Town of Waterford		
*	Treasurer:	262-534-2350
*	Assessor:	262-893-6001
Village of Caledonia		
*	Treasurer:	262-835-6422
*	Assessor:	262-835-6424
Village of Elmwood Park		
*	Treasurer:	262-554-7818
*	Assessor:	262-598-0893
Village of Mt Pleasant		
*	Treasurer:	262-664-7800
*	Assessor:	262-664-7822
Village of North Bay		
*	Treasurer:	262-681-0898
*	Assessor:	262-498-7473
Village of Raymond		
*	Treasurer:	262-835-4426
*	Assessor:	262-542-3332
Village of Rochester		
*	Treasurer:	262-534-1185
*	Assessor:	262-534-1186
Village of Sturtevant		
*	Treasurer:	262-886-7201
*	Assessor:	262-886-7236
Village of Union Grove		
*	Treasurer:	262-878-1818
*	Assessor:	262-498-7473
Village of Waterford		
*	Treasurer:	262-534-3980
*	Assessor:	608-436-3038
Village of Wind Point		
*	Treasurer:	262-639-3524
*	Assessor:	800-721-4157
Village of Yorkville		
*	Treasurer:	262-878-2123
*	Assessor:	262-498-7473
City of Burlington		
*	Treasurer:	262-342-1161
*	Assessor:	800-770-3927
City of Racine		
*	Treasurer:	262-636-9171
*	Assessor:	262-636-9119



## **Racine County** Treasurer's Office

# **Paying Real Estate Property Taxes**

Racine County Treasurer's Office **Jeff Latus** 

Treasurer

730 Wisconsin Avenue

Racine, WI 53403

Office: 262.636.3239

262.636.3279 Fax:

RCTreasurer@racinecounty.com

#### 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 any installment payment is late or short, ALL remaining amounts become due and interest and penalty starts accruing as of February 1st. Installment options will no longer be valid.
- \* The 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 to minimize the balance that is subject to interest/penalty charges.
- \* Contact us if you file for bankruptcy, if the property is listed for sale or held in probate.
- \* If mailing your payment, ensure that it is postmarked 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:

https://www.racinecounty.com/government/county-treasurer/property-taxes



#### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

#### Pay in Person or by Mail:

Racine County Treasurer's Office 730 Wisconsin Avenue Racine, WI 53403 Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Remote Drop-off Site:**

Burlington City Hall 300 N Pine Street Burlington, WI 53105

#### 24-hour "County Treasurer" drop box:

Drop box is located outside the Racine County Courthouse building, east side, next to the U.S. Postal box.

#### 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. Direct web address to ACI Payments, INC: <a href="https://www.officialpayments.com">https://www.officialpayments.com</a>

- \* You will be prompted to create a new account or login to an existing account.
- Select "Local Payments" for real estate tax payments.
- \* Racine County's Jurisdiction Code is 5835.
- Select "Real Estate Tax" under "Payment Type"
- \* Continue with payment instructions to complete the transaction.

\*Note: ACI Payments, INC is a third party vendor and does charge an additional fee for the use of their service. (Please contact ACI Payments, INC Customer Service office at 1-800-487-4567 if you need assistance using their service.)

#### 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.