



***PAYING
REAL ESTATE
PROPERTY TAXES***

**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 Treasurer's &
Assessor's Telephone Numbers**
(Area code 262 unless indicated)

	Treasurer	Assessor
Town of Burlington	763-3070 ext. 7	(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	534-3003
Town of Yorkville	878-2123	498-7473
Village of Caledonia	835-6422	835-6424
Village of Elmwood Pk	554-7818	598-0893
Village of Mt Pleasant	664-7800	664-7822
Village of North Bay	681-0898	498-7473
Village of Rochester	534-2431	534-3003
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
City of Burlington	342-1161	(800) 770-3927
City of Racine	636-9171	636-9119

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THE "TAX" FACTS

- Real estate property tax bills are prepared and mailed **mid-December** by your local municipality. Please contact them if you do not receive your tax bill or if you have any questions regarding your tax bill (telephone numbers listed on back).
- Real estate property taxes are calculated on the assessed value by your local Assessor's office. Please contact them if you have any questions regarding the assessed value of your property (telephone listing on back).
- The first installment is **due by January 31** and paid to the 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:
1st-January 31 2nd-March 31 3rd-May 31 4th-July 31
After **July 31**, all payments are payable to the Racine County Treasurer.
- **All Other County Municipalities** allow taxpayers to pay in two(2) installments:
1st-January 31 (to muni) 2nd-July 31 (to county)
All payments made *after* **January 31** are to be paid to the Racine County Treasurer.
- **MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES:**
City of Racine properties:
Call the City Assessor's office (262) 636-9119.
All other county properties:
Submit your change electronically by using the "Change Mail Address" link found on the top of the "Treasurer's" page of www.racineco.com or call the Real Estate Description Dept at (262) 636-3548.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❖ Arrange with your mortgage company to **escrow** real estate taxes.
- ❖ **Try to obtain 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 the interest or penalties.**
- ❖ Contact us if you file for bankruptcy, if property is 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 proper Treasurer's Office, check is signed, the tax key number or address is referenced, and the **written amount** and **numeric amount** **match.** 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: To look up Tax Balances, Tax Bills and Payments Made, go to the "Tax Inquiry" page of www.racineco.com.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. **Pay in Person 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. **24-hour "County Treasurer" drop box:**
Beige colored box is located outside the Courthouse building, east side, next to the US Postal box.

Make Checks Payable to:
RACINE COUNTY TREASURER
If you would like a receipt returned for drop box OR mailed payments, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

3. **Pay by Credit Card / Electronic Check:**
Call **1-800-272-9829** or use the internet link on the Racine County Treasurer's web page: www.racineco.com/treasurer or directly at www.officialpayments.com. NOTE: The jurisdiction code for **Racine County** is **5835**. Third party vendor does charge an additional fee.
(Please contact the Official Payments Customer Service office at 1-800-487-4567 if you need assistance using their service)
4. **Automatic Withdrawal :**
Call the Office of the Racine County Treasurer at (262) 636-3239 if you are interested in signing up for our monthly auto withdrawal program to pay your delinquent property taxes.

