

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that TAXES on the grand list of October 1, 2007 are DUE AND PAYABLE on January 1, 2009. The last day on which to pay without penalty is Monday, February 2, 2009. Taxes are due at the following mill rate thirteen (13) mills

Late payments will be subject to interest penalty at the rate of one and one half percent per month or fraction thereof, (18 percent per annum), from the due date of the tax (July 1, 2008), as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130, 145 and 146.

Payments received February 2, 2009 and later, including payments postmarked February 2 and later, are considered past due. **The minimum interest charge is \$2 on each tax bill (the minimum interest applies to bills in the amount of 66.50 and under). The fee for returned checks is \$20 plus postage.**

The second installment of real estate and personal property tax bills in excess of \$100, are currently due. Motor vehicle tax bills, and all other bills less than \$100, are currently due in a single installment.

As owners of property, taxpayers are responsible to see that taxes are paid when due. Failure to have received a bill does not exempt the taxpayer from payment of all taxes and all interest charges and collection costs, as per Conn. Gen. Stat. 12-130 and 12-146. INTEREST IS CHARGED ON ALL LATE PAYMENTS. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY.

When paying in person: Bring your bill(s) with you. Bills may be paid at the Tax Collector's Office in Bryan Memorial Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Special Hours: Saturday January 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Whether paying by mail or in person please include the appropriate portion of your tax bill(s) with your payment. Payments are mailed to Washington Tax Collector, P.O. Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794. For a return receipt please enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE with you payment and coupon.

The Tax collector's Office makes every effort to show all your past due accounts, if any, on a statement included with your new bills. Any past due taxes must be paid in full before payment on current bills can be accepted. Any payment you remit will be applied to past due taxes and interest charges first.

If real estate taxes remain unpaid as of May 31, 2009, tax liens will be applied in accordance with state statute. **If you do not receive a bill for taxes owed by the first week in July or January in the case of supplemental motor vehicle bills, please contact the Tax Collector's Office immediately.**

If motor vehicle taxes remain unpaid, you will be unable to renew vehicle registrations with the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, per Conn. Gen. Stat. 14-33. **Past due motor vehicle taxes must be paid in full by cash, cashiers' check or money order in order to receive immediate DMV clearance.** All outstanding vehicle taxes in your name, including taxes not yet delinquent, must be paid in full in order for a release to be issued.

If you do not receive a tax bill you are supposed to pay, or if you have any questions about the bill you received, please call the Tax Collector's Office at (860) 868-7796 or fax your correspondence to (860) 868-3103 or email at tax@washingtonct.org.

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Tax Collector