

Washington County Taxpayers will soon be receiving their annual property tax notices for their 2017 taxes that are due and payable in 2018. The notices will be mailed out mid-January to the most current address on file with the County. If you have moved and do not receive your notices, you are encouraged to call the County Treasurer's office at 970-345-6601 and give us your current mailing information. Just because you don't receive your tax notice does not excuse you from paying your taxes. It is your responsibility to contact the treasurer's office if you do not receive your notices.

The payment deadline options are noted on the pay stubs at the bottom of the tax notices: Full payment is due by April 30th, first half payment is due by February 28th and second half payment is due by June 15th. Interest accrues at 1% per month for any delinquent taxes. Clearly stamped postmarks will be honored.

Please remove and submit the appropriate pay stub (full, 1st or 2nd) at the bottom of your tax notice to return with your payment. Multiple stubs can be paid with one check. Please do not staple the stubs to your check.

Taxpayers are reminded to **NOT** pay your taxes if your mortgage company pays them from an escrow account. Always check with the mortgage company to verify they are making the payments.

If you would like a payment receipt mailed back to you, please include a **SASE: self-addressed-stamped envelope along with your payment.**

All payments made with foreign funds will require an additional exchange fee of \$15.00 and up to 45 days to process the exchange.

If you pay with an electronic check from your bank, please have them include the tax payer's name and schedule number(s) that is being paid. All payment checks will be returned if it cannot be determined what is being paid.

Delinquent taxes are advertised every year in October for 3 weeks prior to the annual Tax Lien Sale that is held in November.

If your taxes become delinquent and are sold at the annual tax lien sale, you can contact the Treasurer's office for a Projected Redemption of the said tax lien. Interest is charged at 11% per month. If a redemption is not processed within the allotted time frame you are at risk of losing your property and a Treasurer's Deed will be issued to the tax lien purchaser and they will then own said property.

On all current tax notices it will state if there is an outstanding Tax Lien due on your property and to contact the Treasurer's office if you would like to make a redemption. The redemption must be paid to clear up all delinquent taxes, interest and fees due in order for the property to remain in the tax payer's name.

Please bring in your tax notices and/or pay stubs when paying your taxes.

As always, please contact the Treasurer's office with any questions or concerns you may have.