

Frequently Asked Questions

When should I receive my bill? What if I have an escrow account?

Tax bills are mailed twice each year: July 1 and December 1. If you have an escrow account and the mortgage company has requested your bill, it will be sent to them.

I lost my tax bill-how much do I owe?

This information is available in person at the Treasurer's office, by phone, 810-794-9303 or online www.bsaonline.org

When are taxes due?

Summer Property Taxes are payable from July 1 through **September 14, by 6pm** without interest.

*Beginning September 15, 1% interest will be assessed per month or fraction of a month on the unpaid portion of the base tax.

Summer Interest Schedule

September 15-30, +1%
October 1-31, +1%
November 1-30, +1%
December 1-31, +1%
January 1-31, +1%
February 1- 16, +1%

Winter Property Taxes

are payable from December 1 through **February 14, by 6pm** (unless weekend/holiday) without penalty.

***Partial payments are accepted for taxes**, however, any balance owing after due date is subject to interest/penalty.

***Current year taxes paid after February 16, 2021 will be assessed 3% penalty.**

*All tax payments made **after March 1, 2021** must be paid to St Clair County Treasurer, 200 Grand River, Suite 101 Port Huron, MI 48060.

Where can I get a copy of my paid receipt?

If mailing your payment or placing in the drop box, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or use your cancelled check. We can

also provide you with a copy of your paid tax bill at the counter.

Payments

Credit/Debit Card or ACH (e-Check)- *(Payments are processed via third party processor, Invoice Cloud charges 2.75% processing fee for all credit/debit payments or \$0.95 for e-check payments.) Pay online at www.claytownship.org.

Visa/Mastercard/Discover payments are also accepted at the Township Office.

***To process a phone payment, call 855-329-4997, *processing fee applies.**

Cash payments can be made in person, at the counter during business hours.

Checks/Money Orders are accepted via mail, 24-hour drop box or in person. ***Postdated**

checks are not accepted and will be returned.

Please include phone # and parcel ID # on your payment.

***Canadian check fee-** please include an additional \$10 with your payment if paying with a check drawn from a bank in Canada.

***Returned electronic payments & checks** will be assessed a \$15 returned payment fee. *If a check is returned after the tax due date, amount owing is subject to penalties and/or interest. *Future payments will be applied to outstanding returned check charges prior to crediting your tax bill.

Mail:

Clay Township
PO Box 429
Algonac, MI 48001

*****If mailing payment, we recommend that you allow a minimum of 10 days-Postmarks are not accepted.**

24-Hour Drop Box, located in the township office parking lot, near the

driveway for your convenience.

Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm, *office is closed 12pm-1pm

4710 Pte Tremble
Clay Township, MI 48001
Phone: 810-794-9303
Fax: 810-794-1964

Understanding Your Tax Bill Abbreviations

-Summer Bill- State Ed (State Education Tax)- the state education tax is levied statewide at a six-mill rate on all real and tangible personal property not otherwise exempt from the property tax. This millage is distributed to the county treasurer who then distributes it to the State of Michigan.

County Op (St Clair County)-this represents the St Clair County operating millage. This millage is distributed to St Clair County.

RESA Spec Ed/RESA Inter Ed/RESA Voc Ed (St Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency)-these millages are paid by the taxpayers within the County and go toward the operations of St Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency. This millage is distributed to St Clair County.

Sch Op (School Operating)-a qualifying principal residence is not subject to the levy of school operating millage. This line item is zero if your home is your primary residence and a principle residence exemption affidavit has been filed with the Township. This millage is distributed directly to the school district.

Sch Debt (School Debt)-special elections are held to enable schools to levy millages for such things as school construction or renovation. Please contact your school district for more detailed information. This millage is distributed directly to the school district.

Sch Sink (School Sinking)-special millage to create a fund for the construction/repair of school buildings, school security improvements, acquisition /upgrade of technology & other purposes authorized by law. This millage is distributed directly to the school district.

-Winter Bill- Seniors, Library, Parks, Veterans, Drug Task Force, County Roads, College-these millages are paid by the taxpayers within the County and are distributed to St Clair County.

Twp Op (Clay Township Operating)-this represents the Clay Township operating millage. These funds remain in Clay Township.

Police Op (Clay Township Police Operating)-this represents the Clay Township Police operating millage. These funds are designated to Clay Township Police Fund.

Fire (Clay Township Fire Operating)-this represents the Clay Township Fire operating millage. These funds are designated to Clay Township Fire Fund.

-Winter Assessments-

Refuse (Garbage)-these funds are collected for township curbside garbage and recycling services.

Delinquent Water/Sewer, Delinquent Blight and Delinquent Special Assessments

Special Assessments such as County Drains, Private Roads, Canal/Aquatic (weed) are specific levies designed to recover the costs of improvements that confer local and peculiar benefits upon property within a defined area.

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