

FAQ

Displaying FAQ for Town Collector:

Q. I mailed my payment from the post office at midnight on November 1, why do I pay interest?

A. Because we work by the date we RECEIVE the bill, not postmark as stated on the back of your tax bill.

Q. What is CPA?

A. Community Preservation Act. Owners of real property will be annually assessed, through 2020, an additional surtax in an amount equal to three percent of the real estate tax levied against those properties. The proceeds of this surtax maybe expended, upon appropriation, for certain open space, historic resources and affordable housing purposes.

Q. Is there a grace period for paying my Real Estate Tax bill?

A. No, the final date to pay is the due date that appears on your bill. Postmarks cannot be accepted! We must receive the payment by the due date for it to be considered a timely payment.

Q. I didn't receive a tax bill. Do I have to pay penalty and interest?

A. Yes, State Law provides that failing to send or receive a tax bill does not affect the validity of the tax, penalty, or interest.

Q. I received a Personal Property bill; however, I sold my property. Am I responsible for this bill?

A. Yes. Personal Property tax is assessed and is the responsibility of the owner of record as of January 1st of the previous calendar year.

Q. Do you accept postmarks?

A. No

Q. If I lost my bill or never received a bill, can I or a Tax Service send in payment?

A. Yes, you DO NOT need a bill to pay by mail. Just indicate the property identifying information on your check. - Property location, name of owner, map number. You will need your bill number to Pay online – please call the Collector's office if you do not know it and we will supply it.

Q. Can one check be written for several bills?

A. Yes, there is NO limit. One check can be written for multiple parcels with multiple names, as long as the addition is correct.

NOTE: Property owners know that property taxes are due each year and should check if they do not receive a tax bill.

Penalties and interest add up very quickly for late Motor Vehicle payments – up to \$69.00 in fees alone resulting in the inability to renew your driver's license and/or registration. Owners are urged to pay on time.