

Important Dates

Jan 1	Assessment date
Feb 1	2nd installment due
April 10	2nd installment payment deadline. 10% penalty plus \$10.00 cost is added if delinquent (*)
May	T/TC mails delinquent notices for any unpaid, regular current taxes
June 30	End of fiscal year
July 1	Delinquent accts are transferred to delinquent tax roll and additional penalties are added at 1-1/2% per month on any unpaid tax amounts, plus a \$15.00 redemption fee Beginning of fiscal year
Aug 31	Unsecured property tax due
Oct.	T/TC mails out original secured property tax bills
Nov 1	1st installment due
Dec 10	1st installment payment deadline. 10% penalty is added if delinquent (*)
(*)	If the delinquent date falls on a weekend or holiday, the delinquent date is the next business day

Kern County Treasurer and Tax Collector

Avoiding Penalties on Your Property Taxes Can Save You Money!



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Avoid Penalties on your Property Taxes!

Here are some suggestions...

Make sure you receive bills for ALL property that you own. Keep track of all parcel numbers, i.e., 111-222-33-44-5. Check off the bills as you receive them and call the Tax Collection Division of the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office if you are missing any bills.

Please allow 15 days for mailing. **UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TAXPAYER TO OBTAIN HIS TAX BILL(S) AND MAKE TIMELY PAYMENT.**

Keept the Assessor-Recorder informed of any changes in your address so that future tax bills will be mailed to the correct address.

- Your first installment of property taxes is due by November 1 and delinquent after December 10.
- Your second installment is due on February 1 and delinquent after April 10.



Taxpayers have the option of paying both installments when the first installment is due.

Make sure that you note December 10 and April 10 as payment deadlines for secured roll taxes as compared to the IRS April 15 deadline for federal taxes. A news release in the newspaper is the only written notice given of a deadline for payment of county taxes.

Mail your property tax payments early to make sure that the envelope is postmarked on or before December 10 and April 10. According to California law, the Treasurer-Tax Collector must review the postmark date to determine if payment was mailed before the deadline. Postal delays do not constitute a waiver of penalty! Please allow adequate time for mail service. All late payments must include penalty.

Penalties will not be waived due to not receiving a tax bill!

Avoid penalties by making your payments for the exact amount on or before the due date!

By paying your taxes on time...

...you avoid the following penalties required by California law:

- A 10% penalty will be added after the 1st installment deadline.
- A 10% penalty and a \$10.00 cost will be added after the 2nd installment deadline.
- After the end of the fiscal year on June 30, a \$15.00 Redemption Fee and a 1-1/2% per month (18% per annum) penalty is added on the unpaid tax amount.

If a "Tax Defaulted" notation appears on your tax bill, you may have unpaid taxes for prior years. Please contact our office! Substantial savings can be achieved when paying any prior year back taxes or by initiating a 5-year installment plan.



All original, current fiscal year tax bills are mailed on or before November 1 to the name and address on the Assessor-Recorder's records as of January 1, the assessment lien date.

If the property owner's mortgage holder pays the taxes from an impound account as part of the monthly payment, the original bill will be sent to your mortgage holder at his request. If you wish the bill sent to your mortgage company, you must ask them to make arrangements to receive the bill. Otherwise, California law requires that the bill be sent to the property owner.

Only the original tax bill is mailed each year. Duplicate copies are mailed only upon request.

By law, a Delinquent Notice is mailed in May for any unpaid current year taxes.

Write your ATN on your check or money order and mail with the tear-off stub portion of the tax statement
DO NOT MAIL CASH!!

Are you a New Home Buyer?

You can possibly save costly penalties if, prior to your purchase of property and close of escrow, you make sure there are no prior delinquent taxes owing, and pre-arrange who pays the current installment due and owing:



- If property is purchased in November, determine who is to pay the 1st installment due on or before Dec. 10th for the period of July 1 through December 31.
- If property is purchased in April, determine who is to pay the 2nd installment due on or before April 10th for the period of time from January 1 through June 30.

As a new property owner, California law requires that you be responsible for the timely payment of property taxes. **DO NOT WAIT TO BE NOTIFIED or expect receipt of a tax bill - None may be forthcoming! MAKE IT A MATTER OF YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND OUT WHAT TAXES ARE DUE AND OWING BY YOU, AS REQUIRED BY LAW!**



Current year taxes are usually prorated at the close of escrow between the interested parties, based on the number of calendar days each party held ownership during the fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. Proration is a matter strictly between the parties involved.

The Treasurer-Tax Collector cannot adjust the taxes; the installment amount as shown on the tax bill is the amount due our office by the party determined at the close of escrow.

Within a few months of purchasing your new home, you will receive a Homeowner's Exemption Notice from the Assessor-Recorder. You can reduce your taxes by taking advantage of a Homeowner's Exemption; however, the property **MUST** be owner-occupied.

Supplemental Taxes

Under California law, you may incur two or more tax liabilities during your first year of ownership:

- The regular, secured roll tax bill payable December 10th and April 10th, reflecting the property value as of the lien date, before your purchase.
- Supplemental roll tax bills reflecting the difference in your purchase price and the prior value on the lien date, or value change due to new construction.

Both bills together comprise your tax obligation for the fiscal year in which you purchased the property.

Supplemental tax bills are mailed to the taxpayer ... **NOT** the mortgage company!

Within a few months after a purchase or new construction, you will receive a notification from the Assessor-Recorder of any change in value. Following this notice, you will receive a supplemental tax bill from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. The new value will be reflected on the regular secured tax roll bill in the fiscal year following your purchase.

PUBLIC SERVICES



ASSESSOR-RECORDER

Ownership: (661) 868-3485
Property Values: (661) 868-3485
Exemptions:

Homeowner, Veteran
Charitable Org. (661) 868-3485
Mailing Address on Tax Bill: (661) 868-3485

Reassessment Exclusions:
(County residents only) Family members and Over Age 55 Transfers: (661) 868-3485
California (toll free) (800) 552-5376

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

Request for Tax Bill: (661) 868-3490
Tax Payment Status: (661) 868-3490
- OR -

www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us/payment/mainsearch.aspx

Address Tax Correspondence to:
P.O. Box 580 Bakersfield, CA 93302-0580

Prior Year Taxes: (661) 868-3490
Tax Sales:
www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us
California (toll free) (800) 552-5376

Email: TTC@KernCounty.com
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Payments by Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card are accepted through our 24-hour tax system via telephone or on our website at:
www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us/payment/mainsearch.aspx

Have your ATN or bill handy when you call or visit! A convenience fee will be charged based on the amount of taxes paid when paying by credit card.