

Property Tax News

Tillamook County
Assessment & Taxation

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CONTACT US

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Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

The deadline for payment of the 2010/11 property tax is Monday,

November 15, 2010

Please have all payments postmarked, in our office, or submitted for online payment by this date to receive any applicable discount.



Paying Your 2010/11 Property Taxes

Paying on Time

Property taxes may be paid using one of these methods:

- By mail
- In person
- Online

The following is an explanation of each payment option:

BY MAIL

In an ongoing effort to reduce costs and streamline procedures, Tillamook County utilizes a payment processing center for property tax payments received by mail. Property owners, who wish to pay on or before Nov 15th by mail may send payment to the payment center address (please use the enclosed WHITE return envelope). Payments processed by the payment center will be electronically processed and posted to property tax accounts each day.

IN PERSON

As always, payments may be made in person at the Tillamook County Courthouse at 201 Laurel Avenue in Tillamook. Our office is located on the main floor at the north end of the building. We accept cash, checks, and money orders in the office (no debit or credit cards at this time).

ONLINE

We also have an online e-payment service available on our website. Payments may be made online as follows:

- Electronic check or ACH (\$3.00 flat fee)
- Signature Debit Card (\$3.95 flat fee)
- Credit Card payment with Visa or MasterCard (fee of 2.49% applies)

This service is offered through US Bank and is very easy to utilize. (Instructions are available on the website at www.co.tillamook.or.us.) Just click on the "Property Taxes" link under the Online Payments section of the main page.





**Special Note: Paying Online with a Foreign Address:

If you have a foreign mailing address, you may encounter problems with online payments. Please call our office for information on how to utilize the online payment service.

Late Payments

Late payments, or payments without a coupon, *should be mailed directly* to Tillamook County Assessment & Taxation, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141. Interest accrues, on the delinquent portion, on the 16th of each month. Please call for the correct amount before making late payments. Payment may still be made in person or online with our e-payment service.

Optional Discounts

Pay early to ensure you receive any applicable discount:

- Full Payment—3% discount
- Two-thirds Payment—2% discount

(Postmarks accepted for timely payments.)



What color is your property tax statement? A green statement is a tax bill that you, as a property owner, are responsible for paying. A yellow statement is your copy of a tax bill that either your mortgage company has requested to pay or an indication that your property taxes are deferred through the Department of Revenue under one of the deferral programs. The requester's name is located in the information box on the left side of your property tax statement. If this request is in error, you may make your payment to: TAX COLLECTOR, Assessment & Taxation, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook OR 97141.

Please verify your check and payment coupon amounts match and are both enclosed before mailing. No staples or paper clips, please!



Online Banking and Your Taxes

Many banks have the convenience of automatic bill payment services where the check is cut and sent for you. If you plan to utilize this type of payment option, please be sure to initiate the payment early enough to reach our office by the deadline. Payments postmarked after the due date will not be eligible for the discount. Checks should be made out to the *Tillamook County Tax Collector*.

Are You Eligible for the Veteran's Exemption?

Veterans who are 40% or more disabled (and surviving spouses who have not remarried) may be entitled to a reduction in property taxes. A one-time application is required—the filing deadline for new applicants is April 1, 2011.

For more information, or to apply for the 2011/12 tax year, please



contact the Assessor's Office at 503-842-3400 and ask about the veteran's exemption.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY VALUE?

Tillamook County's appraisal staff is available to speak with you regarding concerns you may have about your property's value. Call ahead to make an appointment with your area appraiser, or walk-in to our office any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. (We remain open during the noon-hour.)

You may appeal your property's value for the 2010/11 tax year with the Board of Property Tax Appeals. Appeals must be filed with the County Clerk NO LATER THAN January 3, 2011 (December 31st due date falls on a holiday weekend). Please refer to the back of your property tax statement for more information or call the County Clerk at 503-842-3402.

Check Out Our Website

Find helpful information about:

- Paying Your Taxes Online (fees apply)
 - Appeal Rights and Forms
- Delinquency and the Foreclosure Process
 - Payment Instructions
 - Exemptions and Tax Deferral
- Understanding Your Property Tax Statement
 - Current Year Tax Rates
 - Assessor Maps
 - Sales Information (Excel File)
 - Tax Roll Downloads
- Property Assessment Information—including floor plans and other property images



Address Changes



If your *mailing* address has changed, please mark the address change box on the front of your payment coupon and indicate the new address, with signature, on the reverse side. You may also print out a change of address card from our website and mail it to our office.





Due Dates

PROPERTY TAXES

- **First Installment,** two-thirds amount (2% discount), or full amount (3% discount): November 15, 2010
- **Second installment:** February 15, 2011
- Third Installment: May 16, 2011

PROPERTY VALUE APPEALS (BOPTA)

• January 3, 2011 (Filed with the County Clerk)

PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURN (BUSINESSES)

March I, 2011 (late filing penalties apply)

DEFERRAL APPLICATIONS

April 15, 2011



PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL



The Oregon Property Tax Deferral program for disabled and/or senior citizens is available for qualifying individuals. If you will be 62 or older by April 15, 2011, or are under 62 and are receiving Federal Social Security Disability you may qualify. (Income restrictions apply.)

If approved for the program, the State of Oregon pays your property taxes and charges simple interest at 6%. Payments and interest are deferred and payable upon any change in property ownership.

For further information, or an application, please contact our office and ask about the deferral program.



Need a Receipt?

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your tax payment.



Still have questions? Check out the "frequently asked questions" section of our website! Just click on the FAQ link at the top of the Taxation section of our webpage.