



TOWN OF SUDBURY
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Some Things You May Want to Know About . . .

The Treasurer/Collector office is responsible for the collection of all monies due the Town including property taxes, excise taxes, parking violations and other departmental receipts. This note provides general information regarding tax payments; more detailed information on these and other topics are available at our website:

http://sudbury.ma.us/services/department_home.asp?dept=Treasurer

Property Taxes

Sudbury uses a quarterly property tax bill system. Our Fiscal Year begins July 1, and the normal mailing and due dates for property tax bills are as follows: Tax bills are mailed *only* twice a year.

Mail Date	Quarters Included	Payment Coupon 1 Due Date	Payment Coupon 2 Due Date
July 1	Q1 and Q2	Q1 due August 1	Q2 due November 1
January 1	Q2 and Q4	Q3 due February 1	Q4 due May 1

~If the normal due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the next business day~

Massachusetts General Law requires that the Town send tax bills to the owners of record as of January 1st of the year in which the tax was assessed, and any changes in ownership must come from the Registry of Deeds. As a result, there can be considerable delay before new Sudbury homeowners receive a property tax bill with their name shown as record owner. In the interim, we recommend new homeowners promptly notify the Assessor's Office of any changes in names or mailing addresses appearing on their tax bills.

We do not send tax bills to mortgage companies; however, some mortgage companies use a tax service to obtain tax information electronically. Ask your mortgage company if they use one of these services to get Sudbury property tax bills. If not, and you have arranged for your mortgage company to pay your property tax bill, you need to forward them the bill which we send you. You can contact our office to see if a tax bill has been paid.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not stay the collection of the tax. If a tax bill is not received within a week of the mailing date, please contact our office and we will send a copy of the bill. Interest accrues at 14% per annum on any unpaid amount, beginning the day following the due date, until payment is made. Demand bills including interest and a \$10.00 demand fee are sent for any outstanding property tax balances that remain after the fourth quarter due date. The Demand Bill is due 14 days from the date of issue, and continued failure to pay can lead to advertising and formal takings.

Excise Taxes

We issue excise tax bills at various times throughout the year shortly after receiving commitments from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The bills use vehicle ownership and valuation information from the RMV. It is important to keep your vehicle information current. Abatements due not occur automatically; you must apply at the Assessor's Office if you have traded, sold or junked a vehicle. Excise tax bills are due 30 days from the mailing date. Interest accrues at 12% per annum on unpaid tax, and demand bills that include interest plus a \$10.00 demand fee will be sent for unpaid bills. Tax bills that continue to remain unpaid are turned over to a Deputy Collector for further collection, including additional fees and charges in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws. Unpaid bills are also subject to a "Mark" at the Registry for non-renewal of a license or registration.