



Important Tax Dates

January 1

Assessment Date.

Taxes become a lien at 12:01am. Not yet due and payable for the Fiscal Tax Year starting July 1. Thereafter title evidence must show taxes as a lien for the Fiscal Year Tax Year.

April 15

Last day to file for 100% Veterans or Homeowner's exemption.

To be eligible for applicable exemptions you must own and occupy property on March 1.

July 1

Current fiscal tax year begins.

November 1

1st Installment Due

(First installment-July 1 to December 31)

December 1

Last day to file for 80% Veterans or Homeowner exception.

10% penalty added to taxes due. If December 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, taxes are not delinquent until 5pm the next business day.

January 1

Calendar year begins

February 1

2nd Installment Due.

(Second Installment - January 1 to June 30)

April 10

2nd Installment becomes delinquent at 5pm

10% penalty plus \$10 administrative charge attaches. If April 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, taxes are not delinquent until 5pm the next business day.

June 30

Property tax may become defaulted if you fail to pay either or both installments by 5pm, property tax become defaulted and additional costs and penalties accrue. If June 30th falls on a weekend or holiday, taxes must be paid by 5pm on the preceding business day.

Reminder

Property may be sold at public auction after 5 years of delinquency.

How Property Taxes are Determined

Property taxes are governed by California State Law, and collected by the county. The County Assessor must first assess the value of your property to determine the amount of property tax.

Generally, the assessed value is the cash or market value at the time of purchase. This value increases not more than 2% per year until the property is sold or new construction is completed.

The Auditor-Controller applies the appropriate tax rate, which include the federal tax levy, locally voted special taxes, and any city or district direct assessments. The Tax Collector prepares property tax bills based on the Auditor-Controller's calculations, distributes the bills and then collects the taxes.