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Property Tax Payment Deadline is Thursday, December 10!

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich reminds Orange County property owners that the first installment of property taxes is due no later than Thursday, December 10, 2015. Payments not received by Thursday will incur a 10% late fee penalty unless they have a United States Postal Service stamp dated on or before December 10. Current first installment secured property tax receipts are nearly 2% ahead of the same time last year, with \$136 million more in property taxes being received.

“Last year, we received over 50% of property tax payments electronically. Taxpayer payments online by eCheck are the fastest growing payment method and property tax payments by eCheck have almost doubled in the last several years” Treasurer Freidenrich said. “This secure online payment option using a bank account does not charge any service fees to the taxpayer, and the taxpayer receives same day payment credit to their property tax account.” Taxpayers can make payments using this method up to midnight on December 10 by going to ocgov.com/octaxbill or scanning the QR code below. Taxpayers can also include their e-mail address to have their payment receipt e-mailed directly to them and have it printed as well. The receipt now includes the property address and the APN.

Taxpayers who did not receive a copy of their tax bill can print a duplicate copy of their tax bill online 24/7 using the Treasurer’s website at ocgov.com/octaxbill. They can also view and print their 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 property tax bills. In addition, taxpayers can sign up to receive a due-date reminder e-mail by registering their e-mail address at ocgov.com/taxreminder. An e-mail will go out approximately ten days before and again one day prior to the last timely payment date.

If a taxpayer pays using a bank’s or other on-line payment site, please make sure the payee is listed as the “County of Orange” and include the APN number as the account number, exactly as it shows on the tax bill. Online banking payments not received by the Treasurer from the taxpayer’s bank by December 10, 2015 will incur a late fee penalty of 10% of the amount due. As it may take several days—and possibly up to a week—to receive these payments from banks, taxpayers are encouraged to pay using the Treasurer’s secure online site to avoid a potential penalty.

Check out our newest online enhancement by clicking on the map icon when you view your property tax information online. See your property on a GIS map with certain property tax information or go directly to ocgov.com/octaxmap to view any property in the County of Orange.



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