



TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Property Taxes April 2020

1. If I do not want to make a payment in person, what are my options?

Answer: To stop the spread of COVID-19, we encourage taxpayers to “Stay Home and Pay Online” by eCheck, using your bank account, at no cost or by using a credit/debit card (2.29 percent service fee applies). You will receive same day credit and a receipt (email, printed or take a picture). Check for the secure symbol once you begin inputting your financial information on the third party payment site.

Other payment options include paying by credit/debit card 24/7 at (714) 834-3411 (2.29 percent service fee applies), using our easily accessible drop box located on the side of the County Administration South building at 601 N. Ross St. with adjacent parking (checks, money orders, no cash), or mailing your payment to County of Orange, Attn. Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 1438, Santa Ana, CA 92702-1438.

2. I was not able to make a timely payment due to a direct impact from COVID-19. Is it too late to request a penalty cancellation?

Answer: The Treasurer-Tax Collector is cancelling penalties for taxpayers who qualify for relief under the [Governor's Executive Order](#) due to a direct impact from COVID-19. Submit a completed COVID-19 [Penalty Cancellation Request Form](#) along with supporting documentation and a check for the base tax amount as soon as you can pay up by May 6, 2021. Approval or denial of requests will be emailed or mailed within 4-6 weeks of submitting the request. Late taxpayers who do not meet the limited basis for penalty cancellations within the law will be charged all applicable late fees, including a 10 percent penalty and 18 percent annual interest.

3. Can the County waive the associated service fees of 2.29 percent for Credit/Debit card payments online and over the telephone?

Answer: No. The Treasurer-Tax Collector can't waive the associated service fee of 2.29 percent for credit/debit card transactions. The fees are charged by the third party card payment processor to facilitate the transaction. As a reminder, there is no cost for eCheck payments online (using your bank account) at ocgov.com/octaxbill.

4. Will property tax amounts be reduced due to economic impact of COVID-19?

Answer: No. Property tax amounts are established on the lien date of January 1 of each year. Should you have questions related to assessed valuations, please contact the Office of the Assessor at (714) 834-2727 or visit their website at ocgov.com/assessor.

5. I mailed in my property tax payment, however the website is not showing my taxes as paid. What should I do?

Answer: The Treasurer-Tax Collector processes all mailed payments as we receive them so if it has been longer than a week, please call us at (714) 834-3411.

6. Property Tax Resources

Web: ttc.ocgov.com,
ocgov.com/octaxbill, (View/print/pay property tax bills)
ocgov.com/octaxreminder (Sign up for property tax info)
ocgov.com/ocfinancialtips (Sign up for weekly financial tips)
ocgov.com/ocfinancialinfo (Financial literacy resources and tips)

Email: tcinfo@ttc.ocgov.com
 Phone: 714 834-3411 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), IVR: 714-834-3411 (24/7)
 Penalty Cancellation Form: ttc.ocgov.com/proptax/infofaq/penalties

9. Top Five Dos and Don'ts

TOP FIVE DOS AND DON'TS FOR SECURED PROPERTY TAX BILLS

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<p>1. PAY ONLINE BY SECURED COLLECTIONS</p> <p>Which bills do receive the best service are the bills that are paid online. The bills that are paid online are the bills that are paid online. The bills that are paid online are the bills that are paid online.</p>	<p>1. MAIL PAYMENT WITHOUT A TRAILY POSTMARK</p> <p>Review the payment reference "Mail or e-mail" on the bill to determine the correct mailing address. Do not mail the bill to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office.</p>
<p>2. VERIFY PAY HAS APPEARED ON YOUR STATEMENT</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>	<p>2. INCLUDE PAYMENTS WITH OTHER DEBIT TRANS</p> <p>Do not include payments with other debit transactions. Do not include payments with other debit transactions. Do not include payments with other debit transactions.</p>
<p>3. CHECK ONLINE FOR THE BILLS PAYMENT STATUS</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>	<p>3. CALL US IF YOU HAVE AN UNPAID ACCOUNT</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>
<p>4. UNDERSTAND THE APPLICABLE LAWS</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>	<p>4. USE OLD TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO MAKE</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>
<p>5. CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>	<p>5. PREFER THE TAX COLLECTOR'S SERVICES OVER</p> <p>Check the bill for errors. If you have a question, call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office. Do not call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office if you have a question about the bill.</p>

For the latest official County information about the COVID-19, please visit occovid19.ochealthinfo.com. Taxpayers can also sign up to receive text message updates related to COVID-19. To opt-in for this service, text **OCCOVID19** to 888777.

