



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION & TAXPAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

The following is provided to better assist our taxpayers.

WEBSITE: [www.tarrantcounty.com/etax](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/etax)  
PHONE: 817.884.1100

EMAIL: [taxoffice@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:taxoffice@tarrantcounty.com)  
English/ESPAÑOL: 817.884.1110 (Payment/Pagos)

TAXES ARE **DUE UPON RECEIPT OF STATEMENT**. Statements are mailed to the most current address on the Central Appraisal District records. If a mortgage company pays your taxes, write your loan number on your **statement and send it immediately to the mortgage company**.

## Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of the tax, penalty or interest liability.

On **February 1**, current year taxes become **delinquent** and will incur penalty and interest according to the schedule below. An **additional collection penalty** may be charged on accounts that are delinquent on **April 1 for personal property** or **July 1 for real property**. Mineral accounts are considered **real property**. The penalty will be **15% or 20%** of the total taxes, penalties and interest due, depending on your taxing jurisdiction. **After July**, interest continues to accrue at 1% per month.

State law automatically places a tax lien on property on January 1 of each year to ensure that taxes are paid. The person who owned the property on January 1 is **personally liable** for the tax – even if the property was sold during the year.

## The Tax Assessor-Collector does not have legal authority to forgive or waive any penalty or interest charges.

### DELINQUENT INFORMATION

IF TAX IS PAID IN	PENALTY	INTEREST	TOTAL	IF TAX IS PAID IN	PENALTY	INTEREST	TOTAL
FEB	6%	+ 1%	= 7%	MAY	9%	+ 4%	= 13%
MAR	7%	+ 2%	= 9%	JUN	10%	+ 5%	= 15%
APR	8%	+ 3%	= 11%	JUL	12%	+ 6%	= 18%

IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE DISABLED AND YOU OCCUPY THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT AS YOUR RESIDENCE HOMESTEAD, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING ANY ENTITLEMENT YOU MAY HAVE TO A POSTPONEMENT IN THE PAYMENT OF THESE TAXES.

### HALF PAYMENT/QUARTER PAYMENT RULES

**Half payment option:** You may pay your current year taxes in two (2) equal installments with no penalty or interest. **To qualify, you must pay the first half by November 30** and mark it "half payment". The second half is due by **June 30** or will incur **12% penalty & 1% interest**. Interest continues to accrue 1% per month thereafter. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the deadline dates stated. **Your first payment must be received by or postmarked by November 30** to qualify for this payment option.

**Quarter payment option:** **To qualify, you must have an over age 65 or disability exemption** on your residence homestead, you may pay your current year taxes on that property in four (4) installments with no penalty or interest. If you wish to participate in this payment plan, **PAY AT LEAST ONE-FOURTH (1/4) of the taxes due BY JANUARY 31** and mark your payment "quarter payment".

After the first installment, the remaining taxes must be paid in three (3) equal installments – due by **March 31, May 31 and July 31**. Mailed payments must be postmarked by these dates. If one of these payments is late or missed, the **unpaid amount of that installment is delinquent** and incurs a 6% penalty plus interest of 1% per month.

### MITAD DE PAGO/REGLAS DE CUARTO DEL PAGO

**Opción de mitad de pago:** Usted puede pagar sus impuestos del año actual en dos (2) pagos iguales sin pena o interés. **Para calificar, usted debe pagar la primera mitad para el 30 de Noviembre y marcarla "mitad de pago"**. La segunda mitad se vence antes del 30 de junio o incurrirá pena de 12% e interés de 1%. El interés continúa acumularse a 1% por mes después de eso. **Los pagos enviados se deben sellar en las fechas del plazo indicadas. Su primer pago se debe recibir para el 30 de Noviembre para calificar para esta opción de pago.**

**Opción de cuarto del pago:** Para calificar usted tiene que tener una edad de 65 años o una excepción de incapacitado en su residencia, usted puede pagar sus impuestos actuales del año en esa propiedad en cuatro (4) pagos sin pena o interés. Si usted desea participar **EN ESTE PLAN DE PAGO, PAGAR POR LO MENOS UN CUARTO (1/4) de los impuestos que se vencen para el 31 DE ENERO** y marcar su pago "pago cuarto".

Después del primer pago, los impuestos restantes se deben pagar en tres (3) pagos iguales—que se vencen antes del **31 de Marzo, 31 de Mayo y 31 de Julio**. Los pagos enviados se deben sellar en estas fechas. **Si uno de estos pagos se atrasa o se falta, la cantidad sin pagar es delincente e incurre una pena del 6% más el interés del 1% por mes.**

### PAYMENT OPTION INFORMATION

- Make payments in our offices, on our website, by phone or mail.
- All mailed payments must be **POSTMARKED** prior to the date the taxes become delinquent to avoid penalty and interest. (A metered postage stamp, with a date, is NOT a postmark. The postmark is the post office's cancellation stamp.)
- All checks received are electronically cleared through your bank. A copy will be imaged and is available through the Tax Office. Your check will not be returned. Accounts will incur a \$25.00 service charge on **returned checks**.
- Web & phone payments may be made 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- All web & phone payments must be processed before 12 am CST prior to the date the taxes become delinquent to avoid penalty and interest.
- Partial payments are **always** accepted anytime taxes are due.
- Phone Payments: 817.884.1110 English/Espanol.



The following fees apply:  
Face-to-face-credit 2.3%, debit \$2.50,  
online/phone-credit 2.15%, debit \$3.95  
AmEx accepted face-to-face only!  
(Subject to Change)

Make check payable and remit to:  
**Ron Wright, Tax Assessor-Collector**  
**PO BOX 961018, Fort Worth, TX 76161-0018**

The Central Appraisal District identifies property and determines its appraised value. They determine the taxable owner and address, the taxing jurisdictions in which the property is located, and if the property qualifies for an exemption. For information on values or exemptions, to request a form, or, to report changes of ownership or address, contact the Central Appraisal District in which your property is located.