

FAQ's about Property Taxes

1. *When are taxes sent out to residents?*

Summer taxes are generally sent out on July 1st.

Winter taxes are generally sent out on December 1st.

2. *When are taxes due?*

Summer taxes are due by September 14th, without interest. 1% interest is added to the unpaid portion of your bill on September 15th and on the 1st of each subsequent month. A 3% penalty will be added after February 14th.

Winter taxes are due by February 14th, without interest. A 3% penalty will be added after the February due date.

On March 1st, all unpaid taxes on REAL property become delinquent and are turned over to Grand Traverse County. Delinquent taxes are to be paid to Grand Traverse County Treasurer, located at 400 Boardman Ave. A 3% administration fee & 1% interest per month is applied to delinquent taxes when paid at the County.

3. *How and where can I pay my taxes?*

IN PERSON:

Payments can be made at the Paradise Township Hall. We accept cash, checks, money orders, and credit card payments. If you would like to pay your taxes after business hours, you may put them in the drop box that is located by the front door of the Township Hall. Envelopes are provided.

BY MAIL:

You can mail **checks or money orders** to:

Paradise Township
c/o Treasurer
2300 E. M-113
Kingsley, MI 49649

BY PHONE

You can use our phone payment system toll free at 855-814-0112.

ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

Tax payers may pay their taxes IN PERSON using a credit card **OR** you can pay by credit card or e-check by using our online payment system through our website at www.paradisetwp.org. **Service fees of \$3.00 per e-check and 3% of the balance on credit cards will apply.**

4. *What are my taxes being applied to in my summer and winter bill?*

Your **summer bill** includes the following:

- state education tax
- Grand Traverse County (GTC) tax.

Your **winter bill** includes the following:

- two college taxes
- three school taxes
- two library taxes
- GTC medical care facility tax
- Bata tax
- Commission on Aging (COA) tax
- COA senior center tax
- Ambulance tax
- Fire Tax
- Township tax.

5. *Can Tax payment be deferred?*

Summer taxes may be deferred if your total household income was less than \$40,000 and you meet one of the following requirements:

- Senior Citizen, 62 years of age or older
- Paraplegic, Quadriplegic
- Eligible Serviceperson, Veteran, Widow or Widower
- Blind Person
- Totally & Permanently Disabled

You may pick up an application for deferment from the Treasurer's office or call us and we can mail one to you. ****Note: You must apply for deferment every year.**

6. *What if I did not receive a tax bill?*

Section 211.44 (2) Failure to send or receive the notice does not prejudice the right to collect or enforce the payment of the tax.

7. *I do not agree with the assessed value of my house, who do I talk to?*

Please contact Dawn Kuhns, Paradise Township Assessor at assessordawn@gmail.com or call the Township Office on Tuesdays between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (231) 263-5251.