

Hempfield School District
Frequently Asked Real Estate Tax Bill Questions

Question: When are real estate tax bills mailed?

Answer: Real estate tax bills are mailed out every year at the beginning of July.

Question: When are real estate tax bills due?

Answer: Payment may be made during the discount, base, or penalty time period. The U.S. Post Office postmark determines the date of payment. Placing a payment in a mailbox does not guarantee it will be postmarked that same day. Please take your payment into the post office. Late postmarks will be returned to sender.

Discount – Savings of 2% - Payment must be postmarked on or before August 31

Base – Base Amount - Payment must be postmarked on or before October 31

Penalty – Additional cost of 10% - Payment must be postmarked on or before December 31

An Installment Payment option is also available. The base amount is broken down into three equal payments. Payments must be postmarked on or before August 31, October 31, and December 31.

Question: Who should I make my check payable to?

Answer: Checks should be made payable to Hempfield School District and mailed to:

Hempfield School District
PO Box 6252
Hermitage PA 16148-0923

Question: May I pay my real estate tax bill in person or by credit card?

Answer: Yes. Payments are accepted with a tax bill stub at the First National Bank, 23 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster, PA. For credit card or eCheck payment instructions, visit our district website at www.hempfieldsd.org (Operations > Tax Office > Tax Payment Information).

Question: Are real estate tax bills mailed to my mortgage company?

Answer: No. All real estate tax bills are mailed directly to the property owner and the property owner is responsible to forward the bill to their mortgage company. Tax information, however, is collected by third party tax service companies and they may have supplied the information to your mortgage company. Contact your mortgage company to see if they require you to send a copy of your tax bill.

Question: How may I obtain a receipt for taxes paid?

Answer: Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your entire bill and payment.

Question: What happens if I don't pay my real estate tax bill by December 31?

Answer: Following the December 31 deadline, all unpaid taxes are turned over to the Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau for collection. They can be reached at 717-299-8232.

Question: Who do I contact to make a name and/or address change to my real estate tax bill?

Answer: Please contact the Lancaster County Property Assessment Office at 717-299-8381.

Question: Who do I contact if I have a question or disagree with my property's assessed value?

Answer: Please contact the Lancaster County Property Assessment Office at 717-299-8381.