

What you don't know could impact your pocketbook.



Deadlines in this brochure are legally binding and failure to adhere to them can result in significant financial consequences.

Property owners have rights and responsibilities in the local property tax process. To ensure your rights are upheld, you must also fulfill your responsibilities.



Texas Property Tax Code Critical Deadlines

To view the current tax code go to:
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/docs/>
Select Legal > Texas Property Tax Code



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Important Deadline Dates for Homeowners

APPRAISAL DEADLINES—Failure to timely protest property values can result in the loss of the right to protest.



April 30 is the deadline to file residential homestead, over 65, and disability exemptions.

Come by or call our office if:

You moved to a new home and have not filed for a homestead exemption, or

You became disabled or turned 65.



May 15th or 30 days after the postmark date on your Notice of Appraised Value is the deadline to protest property values or denials of exemptions.

Come by or call if:

You disagree with the value or exemption status on your appraisal notice;

or

You did not receive a Notice of Appraised Value on **each** of your properties.

ASSESSMENT DATES—During August and September, taxing entities must calculate and publish a No New Revenue (effective) Rate and /or a Voter Approval (rollback) Rate, before they can adopt a Tax Rate.



September 30th is the last day for taxing entities to adopt a tax rate.

In most situations, taxing entities hold public hearings during August and September to hear input from property owners concerning the adoption of their tax rate for the current year.



October 1 is the first day that current year taxes become due and payable.

Come by our office at 1301 E. 8th Street or call us at (432) 332-6834 if:

You do not receive **all** of your tax statements by November 1 of each year, or

If you receive a tax statement that does not belong to you.

COLLECTION DEADLINES—Failure to send or receive tax bills does not affect the validity of the tax, penalty or interest, the due date, the existence of a tax lien, or any procedure instituted to collect a tax.



January 31 is usually the last day to pay the previous year taxes without penalty and interest fees.

It is your responsibility to make sure you receive tax statements on all your properties every year.



February 1 is the day that penalty and interest fees begin to accrue on prior year taxes.

6% penalty and a 1% interest accrue on unpaid amounts. Both P & I increase by 1% each month and **cannot** be waived by the tax collector.



A 20% collection fee accrues against the delinquent tax amount; April 1 for Business Personal Property, July 1 for all other properties.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to notify the appraisal district in writing before September 1, if your address or mortgage company status changes. It is also your responsibility to identify the property you own and ensure that you have received notices and tax statements on all of your properties.