

Real Estate Tax Questions and Answers

(For those wishing to pay their Fiscal Year 2018 3rd and 4th quarter taxes early.)

Due to the recent changes with the Federal 2018 tax laws, the Town of Harvard Tax Collector's office will accept payments for real estate taxes for the 3rd (Feb) and 4th (May) quarters only of FY18. Below are some questions and answers we have created in order to help our residents and taxpayers.

Q: Can I pay my 3rd and/or 4th quarter taxes early?

A: Yes. You can pay one or both quarters if the payment is mailed to or made at Town Hall. We cannot accept amounts over what has been committed by the Board of Assessors.

Q: Will the payment be reflected on our bills?

A: No. Unfortunately the 3rd and 4th quarter bills are already printed and are being mailed out this week.

Q: Can I make the payment on-line?

A: Yes. Paying on-line can only be done by credit card or electronic fund transfer from your checking or savings account. You can only pay the third quarter bill in this manner as the system will not allow payments above that which were committed.

Q: How long do I have to make a payment in order to receive the tax credit?

A: That answer needs to be derived by someone that does tax returns.

We will be open our regular hours the last week of December, which means we are closed to the public on Friday, December 29th. Payments made and received by 4PM Thursday, December 28, 2017 will be credited to your account before December 31st. You have until December 31, 2017 to pay by credit card or electronic fund transfer. Again, only the 3rd quarter payment can be paid electronically.

Q: What happens if my taxes are escrowed and I pay the bill(s) myself?

A: There is no way for us to stop your bank from making the payment(s) on your behalf and as such this will create a credit on your account. You will need to contact your mortgage company to let them know the amount you have prepaid. Any payments resulting in overpaid real estate taxes by the taxpayer/mortgage company will not be refunded until May (the end of the fiscal year).