

COLCHESTER TAX OFFICE

On October 25, 2017 the office sent out 16,662 Motor Vehicle Bills with a due date of November 1, 2017. All Colchester residents are asked to make sure they received their bill - if not please call the office as bills will become delinquent after December 1, 2017. If any tax due on November 1, 2017 is not paid on or before December 1, 2017, the tax installment shall be delinquent and interest at the rate of 18% per annum (1 ½ % per month) and shall be charged dating back to the original due date of the bill. Taxes that become delinquent after December 1, 2017 shall be charged delinquent interest for the months of November and December, 2017, or 3%. The minimum interest charge for delinquent taxes is \$2.00. The Tax office utilizes all enforcement tools granted to us thru the Connecticut General State Statutes; therefore on December 4, 2017 any unpaid motor vehicle tax will be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicle and the office will issue demand letters. The office reports to DMV nightly for all accounts paid in full. Payment by cash, money order, bank check and/or credit cards will receive clearance immediately. There is a 10 day hold for all checks issued. Per DMV; it will take 48 hours until clearance goes thru on-line.

By the end of December, 2017, the Tax Office will be mailing bills for taxes owed on the 2016 Motor Vehicle Supplemental (MVS) Grand List. Vehicles registered in Colchester **between October 2, 2016 and September 30, 2017**, will be included on this list. MVS bills are due on January 1, 2018. In addition, the Tax Office reminds all real estate owners that the second installment of real estate taxes on the 2016 Grand List is due on January 1, 2018. The second installment bill for Real Estate taxes was included with the Real Estate tax bill due on July 1, 2017. No additional bills for the second installment for Real Estate taxes will be mailed.

If any tax due on January 1, 2018 is not paid on or before February 1, 2018, the tax installment shall be delinquent and interest at the rate of 18% per annum (1 ½ % per month) shall be charged dating back to the original due date of the bill. Taxes that become delinquent on February 1, 2018 shall be charged delinquent interest for the months of January and February, 2018, or 3%. The minimum interest charge for delinquent taxes is \$2.00.

Customers will be able to access and print out a copy of their IRS Payment Records for year 2017 beginning January 1, 2018. From the town home page: <http://www.colchesterct.gov/Pages/index> click view and pay on-line taxes. It will bring you to a new page where you enter your search criteria. Under the criteria click on the last bubble "IRS Payment Records for Year 2017". Follow the prompts for the report. This is a great feature if you lost or misplaced your tax receipts and need an additional copy for your records. If you are having difficulties using this feature please contact the office and we will be glad to walk you thru the process.

Tax payment can be paid on-line by visiting our website: www.colchesterct.gov and are subject to convenience fees. The rates are \$1.50 for e-checks, \$3.95 for Visa Debit Cards, and 2.5% for credit cards (a minimum fee \$2.00 will be charged for credit card payments under \$80.00). In addition to making on-line bill payments, taxpayers are able to make credit and debit card payments at the Tax Office. The same convenience fees will apply for credit or debit card payments made at Tax Office.

The Tax Office is located on the first floor of the Town Hall in Room 102 and is open 8:30am to 4:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 8:30am to 7pm on Thursday. We strive to provide courteous and professional service to every member of the public, and look forward to helping Colchester taxpayers with any questions they have concerning their tax bills.

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Tax Collector