

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TAX BILL

There's so much information, where do I start?

1) Verify that you've received the correct bill.

Verify (a) property owner's name, (b) mailing address and (c) the legal description.

(a) If you no longer own the property, please forward the bill to the new property owner or return it to the tax collector. If you did not receive a bill or courtesy notice for property you own, contact the tax collector for a duplicate at (407) 836-2700.

(b) and (c) If your mailing address has permanently changed or the legal description is not correct, notify the Property Appraiser's office at (407) 836-5044.

All those numbers and amounts, what do they mean?

2) Confirm exemptions and taxes.

This bill contains figures relating to (a) property value and exemptions, (b) rates and millages used to arrive at tax amounts and (c) the tax amount due.

This statement is a bill for ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments. Taxes are based on the value of the property. The value (less any exemptions) and millage rates are used to calculate the amount levied. Non ad valorem assessments are fees levied for specific services that are not based on property value. (c) The combined taxes and assessments give the total amount due without regard to applicable discount or interest.

Okay then, which amount do I pay?

3) Remit the one amount given for the month in which you pay this bill.

You are granted a discount for early payment that equals one per cent per month according to this table:

Nov-4%	Dec-3%	Jan-2%	Feb-1%
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The figures for each month's payment box reflect the discount. Find the box with the month you're paying and remit only that figure. The full amount of taxes due must be paid. Partial payments are not allowed by statute.

EARL K. WOOD, Tax Collector 2007 REAL ESTATE
ORANGE COUNTY NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER 123456-7	EXEMPTIONS 25,500	L.I.S. EXEMPTION Y	TAXABLE VALUE 23,004	TOTAL VALUE 48,504
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NOV DISCOUNT 4% 282.36	FEB DISCOUNT 1% 291.19
DEC DISCOUNT 3% 285.31	MARCH GROSS TAX 294.13
JAN DISCOUNT 2% 288.25	INTEREST/ADVT 326.95

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PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT CALL (407) 836-2700

SITUS ADDRESS: 123 MAIN ST
 *****AUTO**5-DIGIT 32805
 JOHN DOE
 123 MAIN ST
 ORLANDO FL 12345-1234

5 - 56119
**P O BOX 2551
 ORLANDO FL 32802-2551**

Return Receipt
Return with payment. Make checks payable to: Earl K. Wood, Tax Collector • PO Box 2551 • Orlando FL 32802

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AD VALOREM TAXES					
TAX AUTHORITY	MILLAGE RATE*	TAX LEVIED	TAX AUTHORITY	MILLAGE RATE*	TAX LEVIED
SCHOOL	7.1690	164.92			
LIBRARY	0.4325	9.95			
SJWM	0.4620	10.63			

TOTAL MILLAGE*: 8.0634 *DOLLARS PER \$1,000 OF TAXABLE VALUE

AD VALOREM TOTAL: 185.50

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
LEVYING AUTHORITY	AMOUNT	LEVYING AUTHORITY	AMOUNT
5555 STORMWATER	108.63		

To pay by credit card, call 1-888-255-0359
 (The jurisdiction code is 1909.)
or visit www.octaxcol.com.
 A fee will be charged by Official Payments for this service.

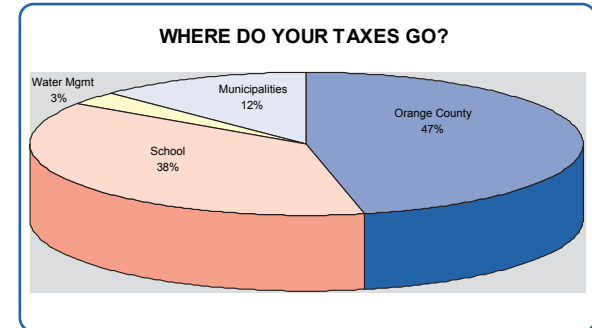
NON-AD VALOREM TOTAL: 108.63

COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS: 294.13

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These remarks apply whether the enclosed statement is a tangible or real estate tax bill or a courtesy notice. Information in greater detail may be found on the tax collector's website: www.octaxcol.com.



What happens if I don't pay on time?

When you fail to make a timely payment, interest and other fees are added to the amount due. If taxes are due for other than the current year, you will see in red **PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT**. Taxes for prior years are NOT included in the total shown. Contact the Tax Collector's Office **immediately**. We recommend that you pay the prior year taxes before the current year's. A tax certificate holder for prior years could force the property to a tax deed sale.

What else should I do?

Call us if you have any other questions.

We have tried to make payment as easy as possible while following the specific rules and requirements of Florida Statutes. As an example, the discount allowed will be for the date paid when payment is made in person. (The discount is extended to the next business day when the end of the month falls on a weekend or holiday.) The postmark date, not the date received, determines the discount for mailed remittances. Should you have any questions not covered here, don't hesitate to call (407)836-2700. We are here to help.

Did you know:
 that the Orange County Tax Roll has **doubled** in the last decade?
 that only five Florida counties have larger tax rolls than Orange County?