

Real Estate Tax

The City and the School District of Philadelphia impose a tax on all real estate in the City. The Board of Revision of Taxes determines the value of the property on which the taxes must be paid.

Real Estate Tax bills are normally sent out annually in December for the following year. Real estate tax payments are due and payable on March 31. If you pay your bill on or before the last day of February, you receive a 1% discount. If you pay after March 31, you are subject to increased charges which are collectively called "additions". At year-end these charges are capitalized and become tax principal on which interest and penalty will accrue.

If you have a mortgage, your tax bill may be sent directly to your mortgage company for payment from your escrow fund.

The Department of Revenue offers two (2) special payment plans covering current year tax for low income households. One plan is available for senior citizens. If you are a senior citizen and do not exceed the specified income level, you may be eligible. In addition, if you are not a senior citizen, but you meet the low income level, you may be eligible for an installment plan. The applications to both plans can be downloaded from this site.

Note - The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania offers certain senior citizens a Tax Rebate. For more information, contact the Commonwealth at (215) 560-2056. For automatic Commonwealth of Pennsylvania form ordering, 24 hours a day, call (800) 362-2050.

