

Real Estate Tax – Frequently Asked Questions

Question: When are Real Estate Tax bills mailed out?

Answer: Tax bills are mailed out at the beginning of July every year.

Question: When are Real Estate Taxes due?

Answer:

- Discount: August 31
- Base: October 31
- Penalty: December 31

The US Postal Service postmark will determine the date paid – no exceptions. Remember, placing a payment in the mailbox does not mean that it will be postmarked that day. Late postmarks will be returned to the sender.

Question: Who should I make my tax check payable to?

Answer: Checks should be made payable to **Pequea Valley School District** and mailed to:
Pequea Valley School District
PO Box 4277
Lancaster, PA 17604-4277

Question: Can partial payments or Installment payments be made?

Answer: Yes.

All property owners have the opportunity to make installment payments in three (3) installments on the base amount of the tax bill.

- 1st Installment: Due by August 31
- 2nd Installment: Due by October 31
- 3rd Installment: Due by December 31

If you begin installment payments, the discount option is no longer available.

Question: Can I pay my Real Estate Tax bill by credit card?

Answer: No. We are not able to accept credit card payments at this time.

Question: Are Real Estate Tax bills mailed to our mortgage company?

Answer: No. All bills are mailed directly to the homeowner and the homeowner is responsible to forward the bill to their mortgage company. Taxes information is provided to 3rd party tax services. Check with your mortgage company to see if they receive the information.

Question: I need to make a name or address change on my Real Estate Tax bill. Who should I contact?

Answer: Lancaster County Property Assessment Office at (717) 299-8381.

Question: I have a question or disagree with my assessed value. Who should I contact?

Answer: Lancaster County Property Assessment Office at (717) 299-8381.

Question: How can I get a receipt for the taxes I paid this year?

Answer: Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your entire bill and payment.

Question: My taxes are delinquent. Who should I contact?

Answer: Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau at (717) 299-8232.

Question: How do I apply for the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion?

Answer: Click on [Homestead/Farmstead Application](#) to download a Tax Relief Application.

* Please note: the completed application should NOT be mailed to the school district.

Mail the completed application to:
Lancaster County Board of Assessment Appeals
150 North Queen Street, Suite 130
Lancaster, PA 17603

The deadline for filing the application is March 1.