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**ARE YOU A NEW PROPERTY OWNER?
CHECK ONLINE TO SEE IF YOU OWE PROPERTY TAXES!**

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari L. Freidenrich encourages all new property owners to visit ocgov.com/octaxbill to take advantage of multiple online resources to ensure that all secured property taxes have been paid. Don't be in doubt—check online! It's quick and simple.

Nonpayment may occur because the new property owner did not receive the annual property tax bill mailed in September as it was mailed to the prior owner due to the timing of a property sale. Although some property taxes may be paid through the escrow process, depending on when the property sale occurs, the new owners may be unaware that either the first or the second property tax installment were unpaid, assuming they already were paid in escrow.

In late 2015, the Treasurer implemented a process to begin mailing out special “new owner” property tax bills. The Treasurer receives contact information on parcels that have had a change in ownership, but that have not yet received an assessment value change from the sale or a supplemental property tax bill. In December, the Treasurer mailed 1,900 tax bills to these “new owners” who had not made their first installment property tax payment. Some of these new owners would have received a delinquent property tax notice in January if the first installment payment was not made.

The online property tax statement page lists all current outstanding property taxes by parcel, a link to a Google-type GIS map, and current and prior year property tax bills by parcel, including secured and supplemental property tax bills. The most common way to view the online statement page is to input either your seven-digit Assessor Parcel Number (APN), or property address. The site also provides same-day credit payment options with no convenience fee plus an emailed detailed receipt for your records (can also be printed), as well as copies of the inserts sent with property tax bills.

The website provides copies of all property tax bills that can be printed or viewed online. In 2015, a Google-type GIS map was provided that offers aerial views of properties with key property tax bill information and also includes the school, community college, and supervisor district for each parcel. This can be accessed either by clicking on the map icon at the online property tax parcel screen or by inputting the APN or address at ocgov.com/octaxmap. Another recent addition was information on Mello Roos assessments that includes the maturity date of the Mello Roos bond (ocgov.com/melloroos) and an information sheet on the Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) program with important information on this program relating to the property tax assessments that can be accessed under Information/FAQs.

We also encourage all property owners to sign up for a secured property tax reminder by going to ocgov.com/taxreminder to register your email. You will then receive an email when the secured property tax bills are mailed and a reminder 10 days and one day prior to the last timely payment date.



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