

Tax Receiver's Report

As of February 5, we have collected over \$12 million in property tax payments. This continues to be a very busy season, with a high volume of in-person, mail, and online payments processed by the office.

The last day to pay without penalty was February 2nd.

Any unpaid bills are now subject to late penalties, as outlined on each tax bill in accordance with New York State law. Residents submitting payments at this time should be sure to include the appropriate penalty amount.

We have distributed funds to our districts. The Fire District tax in the amount of \$4,003,165.23, the Fire Protection District tax of \$129,606.85, and Special District taxes totaling \$4,770,281.21 have all been paid.

We have also begun processing bank escrow payments, and those receipts will be mailed out this month.

One issue we have seen this year involves residents who have forwarded their mail for the winter. We've learned that forwarded mail is being processed through the Rochester post office and, in some cases, is taking more than a month to reach taxpayers. This has caused delays in some residents receiving their tax bills.

For reference, the Onondaga County Office of Real Property Tax Services posts tax bills online at ongov.net, and bills were available there beginning December 29. Paper bills were mailed by the County the first week of January as a courtesy. However, it's important to note that taxpayers remain responsible for payment even if a physical bill is delayed or not received.

For residents mailing payments from out of state, particularly from Florida or other winter locations, we strongly recommend sending checks by certified mail to help avoid postal delays and ensure timely delivery.

We will continue processing payments and assisting residents throughout the remainder of the collection period.