

NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

TOWN and COUNTY TAXES

Town and County taxes will be collected during January without interest. Starting February 1st, interest of 1% per month will be applied. After April 30th, all unpaid taxes and interest are returned to the Madison County Treasurer, Wampsville, NY with an additional 5% penalty applied. If paying after April 30th, please contact the Madison County Treasurer at 315-366-2371 for the total amount due.

TOWN and COUNTY TAX INSTALLMENTS

If your tax bill exceeds \$100.00, you may pay your bill in two equal installments. The 1st installment is due without interest by January 31st. The next installment will have interest applied at 1% per month on the unpaid balance until paid. This option is not available after January 31st. Unpaid installments after April 30th will be charged a penalty of 5% plus additional interest of 1% per month until paid. If paying after April 30th, please contact The Madison County Treasurer's Office at 315-366-2371 for the total amount due.

SCHOOL TAXES

School taxes may be paid thru the month of September with no interest. After September 30th, interest is set by NYS Real Property Law (see front of bill for interest schedule). After unpaid taxes are returned to the County Treasurer, an additional 5% interest is charged. As of December 1st, taxes owed are relieved with an additional 2% added. Please contact the Madison County Treasurer's office at 315-366-2371 once the school stops collecting taxes until November 30th for the total amount due.

STAR EXEMPTION

You may be eligible for the NYS School Tax Relief program that provides an exemption on property taxes for owner occupied primary residences. If you are under the age of 65, you may qualify for the Basic Exemption and if you are turning 65 in the calendar year or are already 65, you may qualify for the Enhanced Exemption. To receive either exemption, owners of qualifying properties must file an application (Form RPS425) with your local assessor on or before March 1st. Please contact your local assessor for additional information or any questions you may have.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

If you are 65 or older on or before March 1st of the calendar year and meet certain income guidelines, you may be eligible for a Senior Citizen Tax Exemption on an owner occupied primary residence. For information contact your local assessor. Senior citizens have until March 1st of each year to apply for this exemption

THIRD PARTY NOTIFICATION

If you are 65 years of age or older, or disabled, and you own and occupy a 1, 2 or 3 family residence, you may designate a third party consenting adult to receive duplicate copies of your tax bills and notices of unpaid taxes until further notice. For information contact your local tax collecting officer or your local tax assessor's office.

NOTICE

If you feel your assessment is too high, you have the right to seek a reduction in the future. A publication entitled "Contesting Your Assessment" is available at your local assessor's office and online at www.tax.ny.gov.