

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When do you send out the tax bills?** Unless there is an issue with passing the Operating Budget, Tax bills are mailed by the 3rd week in July each year. On the back of the bill taxpayers are instructed to forward to their mortgage company if needed.
2. **Can you tell me what Fire District a property is in?** You can go on the **Tax Assessor Dept. page** and bring up the property field card. At the bottom of the property description there will be the Fire District, if we have it, if not you should ask the homeowner. We have **4 districts**: Anthony Fire a/k/a Coventry Fire phone# 821-3141; Central Coventry phone#825-7800; Hopkins Hill phone#821-1989; and Western Coventry phone#397-5916.
3. **How should the checks be made payable and where should they be mailed?**
Checks should be made payable to: Coventry Tax Collector
Mailing Address: 1670 Flat River Rd, Coventry, RI 02816
We accept personal/ bank checks (Bounced checks are subject to a \$30.00 fee) and go by postmark.
4. **What are your due dates?** Quarterly due dates are: 1st August 15; 2nd November 15; 3rd February 15; and 4th May 15.
5. **Is there a grace period for tax payments?** Please be aware that the due dates are the due dates. We never recommend waiting until the last minute because if something happens and **payment is not made, interest is calculated back to day 1**. There is a **grace period** for the 1st installment, which listed on the back of the bill, until October 1st. If October 1st is on a weekend there is no additional time given. For the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th installments, as long as it is paid by the last working day of the month, no penalty is charged.
6. **What is the penalty on late payments?** Delinquent accounts accrue interest at a rate of 18% per year or 1.5% per month on the entire unpaid balance.
7. **Do you send out delinquent notices?** When possible, Delinquent notices are sent after each quarter. As a policy they are always sent in December/January and then again in June. Any taxpayers with a delinquent balance on their account as of the end of June, will notice the prior year amount on their current bill.
8. **When is a property put up for Tax Sale?** Taxpayer accounts with two quarters or more of delinquent taxes on the current year tax bill is subject to **TAX SALE**. Our tax sales are generally held in June of each year. The process begins January/February each year with notices for payment plans.
9. **Where can I find current tax balances?** Go to **Coventryri.gov**. Under **DEPARTMENTS** select **TAX COLLECTOR**. There are instructions and below them is a **BLUE** link entitled **TAX PAYMENTS/ACCOUNT BALANCES**. You can pay with a credit card or eCheck. Fees for each are listed in the instructions.

****BASIC INFORMATION LENDING INSTITUTIONS MAY NEED.**

When making payments without a bill:

1. There is **NO duplicate Bill Fee**.
2. We **DO accept Bank Checks**.
3. We **DO accept** Post Office **post mark**.
4. Our **Tax Sales** take place each year in **June**. Once a property is 2 quarters delinquent on their taxes, it is in danger of going to tax sale.
5. If you need to know about **Exemptions** on a property, check the **Tax Assessor** dept. page. The attachment showing the current billing roll will also include exemptions.