

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – TAX COLLECTOR

Q: WHERE IS YOUR OFFICE LOCATED?

A: The Tax Collector's office is located in Berkley Town Hall.
1 North Main Street
Berkley MA 02779

Q: WHAT HOURS ARE YOU OPEN?

A: The office is open Monday-Thursday 9:30am-2:30pm and Wednesdays 9:30am-6:30pm. You can contact the office at 508-823-9620.

Q: WHEN ARE TAXES DUE?

A: The Town of Berkley is on a quarterly tax system and taxes are due 4 times per year. Tax due dates are on the first business day of August, November, February, and May. If the 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, taxes are due the following business day.

Q: WHAT IS THE PERIOD COVERED IN THE FISCAL YEAR?

A: The Fiscal Year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. Currently we are in FY2026, which began July 1, 2025 and will end June 30, 2026.

Q: WHAT ARE THE MONTHLY PERIODS COVERED BY THE TAX BILL?

A: The Q1 bill due August 1st covers July 1st through September 30th. (Preliminary Tax bill)
The Q2 bill due November 1st covers October 1st through December 31st. (Preliminary Tax bill)
The Q3 bill due February 1st covers January 1st through March 31st. (Actual Tax bill)
The Q4 bill due May 1st covers April 1st through June 30th. (Actual Tax bill)

Q: WHAT ARE THE INTEREST RATES FOR PAST DUE BILLS?

A: Real Estate and Personal Property – 14% Interest
Water/Sewer/Trash – 14% Interest
Motor Vehicle Excise – 12% Interest
Tax Titles Prior to November 1, 2024 – 16% Interest
Tax Titles After November 1, 2024 – 8% Interest
Interest rates are calculated on outstanding principal balances per annum.

Q: DO YOU ACCEPT POSTMARKS FOR PAYMENT DATE RECEIPT?

A: No. Bills are considered paid when received by the Treasurer/Collector. Postmark dates on envelopes are not accepted as the date of payment. All payments are to be received by the Treasurer/Collector's office by the due date. Payments are processed the day they are received. Late payments will incur interest/penalties.

Q: DO YOU ACCEPT FUTURE-DATED CHECKS?

A: No. Future-dated checks (aka post-dated checks) are not accepted.

Q: WHAT IF MY CHECK BOUNCES?

A: If your check bounces, you will be responsible for a \$25.00 fee in addition to the amount of the check that is returned, plus any accrued interest/fees

Q: HOW MUCH DOES A MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATE COST?

A: \$50.00. A Municipal Lien Certificate (MLC) lists the outstanding tax on a property at a particular point in time. MLCs are only a current snapshot of what is on file for a given property at the time of request. Please contact our office prior to making payment to confirm the current amount and if balances are still outstanding.