

### Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector

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## TOP 5 Payment DOs AND DON'Ts For Secured Property Tax Bills





Wait until the last few days prior to December 12/April 10 to pay your bill.

If you pay close to the last timely date & something

goes wrong, there is no time to correct it. Have the

USPS hand cancel it if mailing close to the above dates.

Pay online at octreasurer.com/octaxbill

eChecks have **no Service Fee**, and you can pay up **until 11:59 P.M. PST** on the last timely payment date to receive same day credit.

## Utilize 24/7 self-service options at octreasurer.com/octaxbill

- View parcel info, 13 years of bills/ 2 years of payment history by searching by APN or address
- View amount due in the online statement.
- Avoid penalties by understanding postmarks.
- Sign up: octreasurer.com/securedreminders.

#### Pay Supplemental Property Tax Bills.

Most lenders DO NOT pay these. New homeowners may receive more than one bill, one for each fiscal year.



### Call your lender – not the Tax Collector – with questions on impound/escrow accounts.

Lenders may debit accounts up to several months prior to submitting the payment to the Tax Collector, usually the week of the last timely payment date.

# Understand that the Tax Collector has limited authority under the law to cancel penalties.

Review our penalty cancellation information at <u>octreasurer.com/penaltyinfo.</u>

# Become frustrated with phone wait times.

Incoming phone calls increase after bills are mailed and right before the last timely payment date. Use our 24/7 website or email questions to <u>ttcinfo@ttc.ocqov.com</u> to get answers to questions.

#### Mail your payment without understanding the importance of postmarks.

Review "Important Information about Postmarks" at <u>octreasurer.com/postmarks</u>.

## Ignore Supplemental Secured Property Tax Bills.

Most lenders DO NOT pay these. Contact your lender to ask if they will pay these or not.

# Think the Tax Collector can cancel a penalty due to a good payment history. The Tax Collector cannot.

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