



Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector

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



1

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.

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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.

2

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.

2

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 AskTaxCollector@octreasuer.gov to get answers to questions.

3

Pay Supplemental Property Tax Bills.

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

3

Mail your payment without understanding the importance of postmarks.

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

4

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.

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Ignore Supplemental Secured Property Tax Bills.

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

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

Review our penalty cancellation information at octreasurer.com/penaltyinfo.

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

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