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Deadline for Secured Property Tax First Installment is December 10

Avoid Postal Delays, Mail Fraud and Penalties – Pay Securely Online

SANTA ANA, Calif. – Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich reminds property owners that the first installment of FY 2025-26 secured property taxes must be received no later than **Wednesday, December 10** to avoid late penalties. Taxpayers are encouraged to **pay by eCheck** (no service fee) using the secure online website at TaxBill.octreasurer.gov.



Scan to view & pay online
TaxBill.octreasurer.gov

Following a recent [mail fraud case](#) involving the theft of mailed property tax checks across multiple cities in Orange County, the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) is advising taxpayers to utilize TTCs **secure online payment options**. Online payment by eCheck is a fast, safe, and secure payment method used by hundreds of thousands of Orange County Taxpayers annually. “We strongly advise taxpayers to pay online using our free eCheck option at TaxBill.octreasurer.gov,” said Treasurer Shari Freidenrich. “eCheck payment is **free of charge** and helps taxpayers avoid the risks of check and mail fraud,” she added.

To view, print, and pay your tax bill, or to check your parcel payment status if you’ve recently mailed a check, please scan the QR code on your property tax bill, or visit TaxBill.octreasurer.gov and input your Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) or street address to access your specific parcel page.

REVIEW YOUR PAYMENT OPTIONS

A complete list of payment options follows:

1. **eCheck** – Recommended (No Fee) – Same-day credit, printable receipt
2. **Credit/Debit Card** – [service fee](#) applies
3. **Mail** – Not recommended due to fraud and postal delays. Mailed payments received without a [hand-cancelled USPS postmark](#) of Dec. 10 or earlier will incur a 10% penalty.
4. **In Person** – County Service Center, 601 N. Ross St., open Mon.– Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., 30-minute free parking in lot P4, (view map octreasurer.gov/oct taxparking). Avoid last-minute visits, due to increased wait times
5. **Depository Box** – Available at 601 N. Ross St. (Never leave cash in the depository box)

CHECK YOUR PARCEL PAYMENT STATUS

Two years of payments and 16 years of property tax bills are available online:

- Follow the above instructions to easily and quickly access your parcel page online at TaxBill.octreasurer.gov
- On your parcel page, click the **view printable online statement** link to **view recent payments**
- If a recently mailed payment has not been received in a timely fashion, monitor your bank accounts closely
- Consider using another payment method to ensure the first installment is paid no later than midnight on **December 10, 2025**

STAY INFORMED

Subscribe to periodic text/email payment reminders and mail fraud updates at octreasurer.gov/SecuredReminders.

Questions? Visit octreasurer.gov/FAQ for answers to our most common questions, or contact our property tax call center at (714) 834-3411, Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email AskTaxCollector@octreasurer.gov.

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