

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PAYING YOUR TAX BILL ONLINE FROM YOUR PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKING AND SAVINGS ACCOUNT

If you are planning on scheduling your tax payment to be made through your personal/business checking/savings account's online payment system, please read the following information carefully and plan accordingly.

When you schedule a payment to be made through your online banking system, the payment is not sent from your local branch. It is sent from a third party vendor. These third party vendors are typically NOT in Connecticut. The most common ones we have heard about are from Utah, North Carolina or Iowa.

The envelopes from the third party vendors DO NOT have an Official US Postmark. Their envelopes are preprinted with a presorted message on them.(See final page of this brochure).

Because there is no Official US Postmark on these envelopes, if the envelope containing your payment is not IN OUR TAX OFFICE on August 2, 2018 or February 2, 2019 your payment WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE AND WILL BE CHARGED INTEREST. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS !!!!!

If you have questions regarding your bank's procedures regarding online payments, please contact your local bank representative.

All Tax Collector's offices in the State of Connecticut are required to follow the Connecticut General State Statutes regarding late payments and charging interest.

CGS Title 12 Chapter 204 Section 12-146 states "No tax or installment thereof shall be construed to be delinquent under the provisions of this section if (A) such tax or installment was paid through a municipal electronic payment service within the time allowed by statute for payment of such tax or installment, or **(B) the envelope containing the amount due as such tax or installment, as received by the tax collector of the municipality to which such tax is payable, bears a postmark showing a date within the time allowed by statute for the payment of such tax or installment.**"

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Other ways to pay your tax bill:

Payments are accepted at the Tax Collector's Office Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Town Hall offices will be closed July 4, 2018. Cash, checks and money orders are the only forms of payment accepted in the Tax Collector's office. **Credit and Debit Cards are not accepted in the Tax Collector's Office.** There is no ATM located in the Town Hall.

There is a secure drop box located at the back entrance of the Town Hall. You can place your check payment in an envelope in the drop box at any time. Please include the remittance copy of the bill(s) you are paying along with a contact number where you can be reached if we have questions regarding your payment. The drop box is checked each weekday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will be checked at 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018. **Any payments placed in the drop box after it is checked at 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2018 will be considered late and will be charged 3% interest.**

Payments can be made online at www.townofprospect.org. There is a quick link at the bottom left of the homepage to "Pay Your Taxes Online". Payments can be made through this website until 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2018 and be considered on-time. There is a \$3.95 fee for check or debit card

payments and a 3% fee for credit card payments.

Payments can be mailed to the Tax Collector's Office at 36 Center Street, Prospect, CT 06712. Envelopes with an Official US Postmark of August 1, 2018 will be considered on-time. Be sure if you mail your payment on August 1, 2018 that the Post Office will be placing an Official US Postmark dated August 1, 2018.

Answers to many of your questions can be found at www.townofprospect.org under Office of The Tax Collector Frequently Asked Questions.

If you have any questions regarding this information, feel free to contact the Tax Collector's Office at 203-758-4461 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can contact the Tax Collector's office by email at taxoffice@townofprospect.org.

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Payment Processing Center
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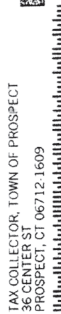
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