

TAX BILLING

Tax bills are mailed out once a year, usually in July, consisting of 4 stubs. 3rd and 4th Quarters of the Current year: August and November and 1st and 2nd quarter of the following year: February and May.

Taxes are due, per NJ State Statute:

- * 3rd quarter is due August 1st
- * 4th quarter is due November 1st
- * 1st quarter is due February 1st
- * 2nd quarter is due May 1st

Bills should be provided to new owners or paying agents upon sale or exchange of the property.

If you have a mortgage company paying your property taxes the original bill will be sent to them and you will receive an "Advice copy".

If you have paid off your mortgage recently, you may use your advice copy to remit payment.

If you have not received a copy of your Tax Bill by August 1st, or at the time of sale, please contact the Tax Collector's office at (908)226-7610. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure payments are made when due.

How to make payments:

In person: We accept cash, check or money order at the Tax Collector's office, located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue. We are open M-F, 8:00am -4:00pm.

By Mail: Please make checks payable to "Borough of South Plainfield" for all payments. Include the bar-coded stub with your remittance. If you would like a receipt, you must include the entire bill, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a return. Otherwise, your cancelled check is your receipt. For payments by mail, it is not the postmark but the date we receive the payment.

Drop Box: For your convenience we have a curbside Drop Box. You may leave your payments in the box. Please include the stub and your check in an envelope. NO CASH, please! Drop Box payments will be posted next business day.

Online: Go to our website, www.southplainfieldnj.com. Select the tab "Pay Taxes & Sewer Online". Select "Tax Account" for Property Tax Payments or "Utility" for Sewer payments. You can search by Block, Lot, Address, or name. Charges do apply. **Be sure to select " Process Payment" to ensure your payment is submitted.**

Do not postdate your check. Payments are processed the day they are received and deposited. Returned checks will incur a \$20.00 Service Fee.

Interest: Any taxes remaining unpaid 10 (ten) calendar days including the due date are subject to interest retroactive to the first of the month. In accordance with NJSA 54:4-66, interest is calculated at the rate of 8% on the first \$1500.00 and 18% per annum over \$1500.00. A penalty of 6% may be charged on any total municipal delinquency in excess of \$10,000 if not paid by the end of the year.

Tax Sale: Any municipal charges remaining unpaid by the eleventh day of November of the current tax year are subject to tax sale any time thereafter. (Ch. 99, PL 1997)