

Town Of South Hero

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Property Taxes: What You Need to Know

Payment Deadlines & Penalties

- **Pay on time!** Per passage of Article 7 at Town Meeting March 4, 2025, taxes are due on or before the due dates 9/30/26, 1/30/2027 and 4/30/2027.
- An Interest charge of 1% per month will be added to the tax amount not paid by the due date.
- Taxes that are unpaid after April 30, 2027, will be collected with interest and an 8% penalty.
- **Any questions**, please contact the Treasurer at **802-372-5552 x2** or treasurer@southherovt.org

How to Pay

We offer several convenient ways to pay your property taxes:

- **In Person:** Visit our office during regular hours.
- **Drop Box:** Use the secure voter/payment drop box outside our building.
- **Mail:** Send your payment via postal service.
- **Direct Debit:** Please fill out enclosed form and return.
- **Please make checks payable to the Town of South Hero.**

Important Information

- **Change of Address:** If your mailing address changes, please let us know right away! Call 802-372-5552 or email townclerk@southherovt.org
- **Keep Your Tax Bill:** Hold onto your tax bill! You'll need it when you prepare your federal and state tax returns next year. This is the **only copy** you will receive.
- **Need a Receipt?** If you'd like a receipt, please include a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** with your payment.
- **Escrow Accounts:** If your mortgage company handles your property taxes through an escrow account, we strongly recommend you contact them to ensure they have your most current tax information.
- **Homestead Declaration:** To receive your property tax adjustment, you **must** file a **Homestead Declaration every year** with the Vermont Department of Taxes by **April 15th**. For questions about this, contact Vermont Taxpayer Services at (802) 828-2865.

Property Transfers

- **Who Pays the Taxes?** By law, property taxes are assessed based on who owns the property on **April 1st**. Tax bills are mailed to the owner of record at that time.
- **Selling Your Property?** If you sell your property after April 1st:
 - It's **your responsibility** to forward the tax bill to the new owner.
 - It's the **new owner's responsibility** to be aware of and meet the payment due dates.
- **Legal Advice for Transfers:** Our office doesn't handle arrangements for prorated taxes or funds held in escrow during a sale. **Please contact your attorney** for guidance.

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Direct Debit

Elect to have tax payments automatically withdrawn from your bank account.

How it Works

- Tax payments will be automatically withdrawn from the authorized bank account on the due dates listed on your tax bill.
- If a due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the payment will be withdrawn on the next business day.
- You must authorize us to withdraw funds by completing the **Direct Debit Form**.
- The form must be submitted to the Town Office **15 days prior** to the effective due date:

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- You will continue to receive a bill once a year to inform you of the due dates and payment amounts.
- Payments will continue indefinitely until we receive written notification from you to stop or change payments.
- Any requests for cancellations or changes to direct debit payments must be received **15 days prior** to a due date.
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