



Property Tax Deadline Nears

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VICTORIA, BC – City of Victoria property owners have just a few days left to pay their 2009 property taxes.

Property taxes – for both residential and commercial property owners – are due on Thursday, July 2, 2009. A penalty of 10% will be applied to outstanding current year taxes and unclaimed Provincial Home Owner Grants at the close of business on that day. Property owners who are intending to pay in person at City Hall are encouraged to give themselves ample time. Although City Hall's Public Service Centre is fully staffed for the busy season, long line-ups leading up to the July 2 deadline are to be expected.

The City provides a variety of convenient ways to pay property taxes, including through many financial institutions – either in person or online – and at in person City Hall. The City does accept cheques post-dated for July 2, 2009. However, **please note that credit card payments are not accepted for property tax payments.** Property owners are cautioned that while the City does accept payments by mail, with a holiday on Wednesday payments not already in the post may not arrive in time.

Property owners who occupy a property as their principal residence may be eligible for a Provincial Home Owner Grant. The grant application should be returned to City Hall or claimed online before July 2, 2009 to avoid a 10% penalty. Provincial Home Owner Grants can be claimed on the spot at the Public Service Centre, provided homeowners bring their property tax notice.

Thinking ahead to next year's taxes, property owners may wish to enrol in the monthly, automatic pre-payment program. For 10 months, on the first day of the month, a fixed amount is automatically debited from a bank account. Once 2010 taxes have been determined the remaining balance will be debited in July.

For more information on 2009 property taxes please visit www.victoria.ca.

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