



## Property Tax Deadline Nears

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VICTORIA, BC – City of Victoria property owners have just over one week left to pay 2010 property taxes. Payments – for both residential and commercial property owners – are due by 4:30pm on Friday, July 2, 2010. Property owners are reminded that envelopes must be postmarked by Wednesday, June 23rd to be received by the deadline.

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, line-ups leading up to the July 2 deadline should be expected.

The City provides a variety of convenient ways to pay property taxes, including through most banks and financial institutions, and in person City Hall. The City does accept cheques post-dated for July 2, 2010. However, please note that credit card payments are not accepted for property tax payments.

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, 2010 to avoid a 10% penalty.

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 taxes have been determined the remaining balance will be debited in on the due date in July. For more information on 2010 property taxes please visit [www.victoria.ca](http://www.victoria.ca).

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