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2025 Property Tax Bills Due January 23

Gainesville, GA (January 8, 2026) – The Hall County Tax Commissioner's Office is reminding residents to use the county's convenient payment options as the January 23 property tax deadline approaches. These tools are designed to make the process faster and easier, helping taxpayers avoid lines and reduce the need for in-person visits while ensuring payments are submitted on time.

Save a Trip. Skip the Line.

- Online at HallCountyTax.org. Payment methods include E-Check (\$1.50 flat fee), PayPal, PayPal Credit, and credit card (2.49% fee) and debit card (1.50% fee). Most major credit cards are accepted. PayPal Credit is available for eligible property owners, providing a same-as-cash option, and is interest-free for six months if paid in full. Terms and conditions apply.
- By mail, using the pay slip and return envelope provided with the statement, to P.O. Box 1579, Gainesville, GA 30503.
- Drive-Up Drop Box: Available 24/7 under the breezeway across from the entrance to the Hall County Government Center at 2875 Browns Bridge Road.
- By phone: Call 770.531.6950 to make a credit or debit card payment or a cost-effective E-Check payment with the help of a Tax Tag Agent. Credit and debit card fees apply.

"We want paying your property tax bill to be as simple and convenient as possible," said Tax Commissioner Darla Eden. "Because there are several easy ways to pay online, by mail, by phone, or through our 24/7 drop box, taxpayers can choose the option that best fits their schedule and preference."

USPS Postmark Change

As of December 24, 2025, the United States Postal Service (USPS) no longer postmarks mail the day it is dropped off. Instead, the postmark now shows the date the mail was processed at a regional USPS sorting facility, which could be one or more days after drop-off. This means that a payment mailed on time could still receive a later postmark and be processed as late. "We recommend mailing your payment early so the new postmark process doesn't cause delays," said Eden. "As an alternative to mail, we encourage taxpayers to utilize the convenience of our 24/7 drive-up drop box located under the breezeway at the Government Center."

Properties with Escrow Accounts

For property owners with property tax escrow accounts, tax information is made available to mortgage companies for payment; however, the property owner is still responsible for ensuring taxes are paid by the due date.

Property Ownership and Liability

For any property that changed ownership during 2025, the owner of record on January 1, 2025, is responsible for that year's property tax. Buyers and sellers should refer to closing documents or the closing attorney to determine responsibility for actual payment of the tax to the Tax Commissioner.

If you sold real property (e.g. house or land) during 2025, you must submit the sales documents to the Hall County Tax Commissioner's Office within 90 days of the property tax due date, which is April 23, 2026. Once reviewed, if documents clearly transfer liability to the new owner, the seller will no longer be responsible for payment. **Documents received after April 23, 2026, cannot be considered.** Timely submission ensures accurate billing and assignment of liability.

For personal property (i.e. boats, planes, business fixtures), the January 1, 2025, owner is responsible for property tax even if the property was sold later in the year.

Understanding the Property Tax Roles

In Hall County, the Tax Commissioner's primary role is the billing and collection of local property taxes. Property values are determined by the Hall County Board of Assessors, while millage rates are set by the County Commission and Board of Education, as well as each of the municipalities within Hall County. One mill equals \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed value.

For property tax questions, please contact the Hall County Tax Commissioner's Office by phone at 770.531.6950 option 3, email propertytax@hallcounty.org, or text 833.602.8497. Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. To make an appointment, visit hallcountytax.org/appointments.