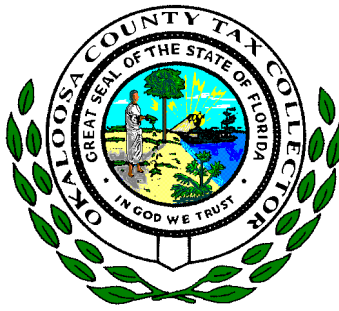


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IMPORTANT TAX PAYMENT DEADLINES

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Ft. Walton Beach, FL – Okaloosa County Tax Collector Ben Anderson would like to remind Citizens that March 31st is the deadline to pay their 2013 Real Estate Property Taxes and Tangible Personal Property Taxes. Property taxes not paid by March 31st become delinquent and begin accruing interest and advertising fees, which are added to the gross amount due. Anderson explains, “Tangible Personal Property is any tangible item other than real estate used in a business. This includes furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, appliances, tools, signs, leasehold improvements, supplies, leased equipment, and any other assets used by the business.”

Anderson continues, “We have a variety of payment methods, including online options. I encourage tax payers to use **E-check** online. E-check is **free** to use, and all transactions are secure. Our website is easy to navigate and there is no waiting in line.”

Another payment option for tax payers to consider is the Property Tax Installment Plan. This option is now available for the 2014 tax year. The Installment Plan divides the annual taxes into four (4) payments – due June, September, December and March. The Installment Plan provides for 3.3% discount and adds the convenience of spreading out payments instead of one lump sum payment. Applications for the Installment Plan are accepted until April 30, 2014 and can be found in the “**Forms Center**” at www.OkaloosaTax.com.

Important Dates:

March 31 – Full amount due on Real Estate Property Taxes and Tangible Personal Property Taxes

March 31 – Fourth (4th) and final Installment Payment Due on 2013 Taxes

April 30 – 2013 Installment Plan Applications are due

June 1 – 2014 Installment Payment Due



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