



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What determines my tax bill amount each year?**

Tax bills are based on the property assessment (Assessor's office) and the tax rates established for each district, the town and county. The rates are approved yearly by the board for the district which money is levied.

### **What are the different districts indicated on my tax bill?**

Ambulance: Quaker Lane  
Fire districts: Fairview  
Hillside (Rhinebeck)  
Pleasant Valley  
Roosevelt  
Staatsburg  
West Clinton  
Library: Hyde Park  
Staatsburg  
Light district: Hyde Park Light (street lights)  
Schools: Hyde Park  
Arlington  
Rhinebeck  
Water districts: Arbors  
DCWWA (Dutchess County Waste Water Authority)  
Greenbush Area  
Greenfield Water & Sewer  
Harbour Hills Water  
Sewer districts: Greenfields  
Rhinebeck (Cove View)

### **Can the Receiver of Taxes change my tax bill?**

The Receiver of Taxes has no authority (by law) to change a tax bill amount or penalty. The amount indicated on the official warrant is the amount to be collected. If you feel the amount is incorrect, you may file a grievance form **RP-554** (Application for corrected tax roll) with the Assessor's office.

### **When will I receive my Town and County tax bill?**

Tax bills are sent out in late January of each year. It is payable by the last day of February without penalty.

### **Can I pay the Town and County taxes in installments?**

Yes, property taxes can be paid in three installments. Note that any bill paid after the last day of February incur a penalty. Two percent (2%) penalty applies from March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Four percent (4%) penalty applies from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **When will I receive my school tax bill?**

School taxes are billed late August to mid-September. It is payable without penalty within 30 days.

### **Can you give me a firm date for school payments?**

The date of the school tax collection is set by the School Board each year and varies according to when the Board meets.

### **Can I pay the school taxes in installments?**

Not at this time.

**What is a Relevy?**

If school or water bills are unpaid, they will be re-levied (added to with penalty) onto the next Property Tax bill the following year.

**How can I get a Senior Citizen, Veteran, STAR or Disability exemption?**

Information and or applications regarding each of these programs are available by contacting the Assessor's office at 229-5111 option 4.

**How can I get a copy of a bill for an elderly or disabled resident?**

Third party notification form RP-923 is available in the Receiver's office. This will notify an interested party of the taxes due.

**How can I change the name or address on my tax bill?**

A change in name or address must be made to the Assessor's office.

**What are the current water and sewer districts administered by the town?**

Water and sewer bills are currently metered for the following districts: the Arbors (water), Greenfields (water and sewer), Quaker Hill (water) and Violet Avenue (water). The Receiver of Taxes office collects water rents for each district for the Town.

Harbour Hills Water district and Greenbush Area water districts have a benefit assessment charged to the property tax bill only.

**What are the other water districts on my Town and County bill?**

Dutchess County Waste Water Authority administers to some of the water districts in the Hyde Park and Staatsburg areas (DCWWA). Please contact DCWWA directly for information regarding this water agency (845) 486-3601 and billing questions.

**Do you accept credit card payment?**

We are currently looking into the cost of providing this service to our taxpayers.

**Why do I make my check payable to a person rather than the Town of Hyde Park?**

Nancy Sheehan as Receiver of Taxes is personally responsible to the residents of the Town of Hyde Park for ensuring that tax dollars she receives are properly posted and distributed to Dutchess County, the Town of Hyde Park and the Hyde Park Central School District.

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