

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS



Real Estate Bill

If a bank pays your taxes for you, the bill will go directly to your bank. If you receive a bill please forward to your bank.

Motor Vehicle Bill

If you no longer own a vehicle, have assessment or exemption questions, call Assessor's office (860-767-4340 ext. 124). **DO NOT IGNORE BILL.**

Personal Property Bill

If you were in business as of October 1, 2017, the tax is due and payable in full.

THESE ARE YOUR ONLY BILLS. NO BILL OR REMINDER WILL BE SENT IN JANUARY. Please note installment due dates of July and January. Taxes must be paid within the month of due date, if not there is an interest charge of 1 ½% per month (18% annually) from due date with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 per bill.

Interest of 3% will be charged on August 2nd. If you wish a receipt, send entire bill along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Avoid the lines – pay online or by mail. If you pay in person bring all copies of your bills.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX is based on the assessment date of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. If your vehicle was not replaced but was **SOLD, DESTROYED OR STOLEN**, contact the Assessor's Office for a possible credit adjustment. Remember plates are the property of the Motor Vehicle Department and must be returned if vehicle is no longer owned by you or if you move out-of-state. If plates are not returned you will be subject to taxation under Connecticut law. All information on your tax bill comes from the Motor Vehicle Department including your mailing address, any changes must be made through that department.

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX is for new replacement vehicles purchased after October 1, 2017 and prior to August 1, 2018 and will receive a tax bill by January 1, 2019. Supplemental tax bills are prorated during the assessment period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. If your plates were transferred to another vehicle an automatic credit will appear on your bill for the period the replacement vehicle was registered allowing a credit from your July bill.

The current estimate of revenue from the State of Connecticut for various state financed programs for fiscal year 2018-2019 is \$455,902 for the Town of Essex. Without this assistance your 2018-2019 property tax rate would be 22.29 mills.

NOT RECEIVING A TAX BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX OR INTEREST DUE

**PLEASE NOTE TOWN HALL HOURS --
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**