



The Town Hall is open to the public with safety procedures in place. Masks are required. Please be patient and respectful while we keep residents and staff safe. I encourage you to do your Town Hall business by mail or virtually. Many services can be done online, by phone, fax, or email.

[Town Website](#)

COVID-19 UPDATE

There have been [51](#) (33 female, 18 male) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Essex and 8 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic. [Click Here](#)

The State of Connecticut has released a comprehensive plan that will serve as a roadmap for districts as they plan to reopen schools this fall. [Click Here](#)

[Connecticut Travel Advisory in Effect](#)

[How to get tested for COVID-19 FAQs](#)

Current public health testing recommendations to diagnose a person who is sick or may be infected with COVID-19. [Click Here](#)

Get the latest guidance: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Latest-Guidance>

Tax Collector's Office

Bills have been mailed. The first installment of taxes is due the month of July 2020. You have 30 days to pay and they are delinquent after August 3rd, 2020. If your mortgage is escrowed, your physical tax bill will be mailed to the bank.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- PAY ONLINE at essexct.gov/TAXES. There is a charge to pay by Credit Card, but just a \$2.00 flat fee for e-checks.
- MAIL...We enclosed a postage paid envelope for mailing in your payment.

Interest is normally charged at the rate of 1.5% per month, 18% per year from the due date of the tax, with a portion of a month being considered a full month. However, the Low Interest Rate Program will allow for a lower rate of interest: .25% per month, or 3% per year, from the due date of the tax, for a period of up to 90 days only.

If you would like a receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped

envelope along with your payment and the taxpayer portion of your bill. You can make multiple payments with one check if you wish, except for any delinquent motor vehicle taxes.

When making your request for a Motor Vehicle adjustment, please send or fax verification of the change to the Assessor's Office (860) 767-4340 ext. 123 or 124 or fax: (860) 767-8509. To send an attachment by e-mail: jsypher@essexct.gov or bdamico@essexct.gov

Here is the link of accepted verifications:

<https://www.essexct.gov/assessor/pages/motor-vehicle-tax-bill-changes>

State campgrounds open for the season

As of today, all campgrounds at Connecticut State Parks have opened for the 2020 season. Due to the pandemic and help maintain social distancing, all campers are required to make reservations in advance of their stay. Walk-in campers will not be permitted this season. Campers are also reminded to wear a face covering when coming into their office to check in for their reserved campsite. For more information about the operations of state campgrounds and to make a reservation, [visit the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website.](#)

Governor Lamont announces Mathematica Policy Research selected to conduct top-to-bottom review of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities

Governor Lamont today announced that the Connecticut Department of Public Health has selected [Mathematica Policy Research](#) to conduct an independent, third-party review of the response to COVID-19 within the state's nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Last month, the governor [announced](#) that he was ordering the review to be conducted and soon thereafter proposals were solicited from third-party experts. Mathematica is expected to provide the state with a final report of its findings by the end of September. The analysis will be made available to the public. [Click Here](#) for more details.

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Sign up for Weekly Check-In Call

Residents age 62+ are encouraged to sign up for a weekly check-in call from a volunteer. Please call Essex Social Services Department at 860-767-4340 x201.

