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**First Installment Property Tax Payment Deadline**

Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich reports that the first installment of the 2011-2012 secured property taxes must be paid by December 12, 2011 to avoid any late charges. The last payment date is extended to Monday, December 12 since December 10 falls on a Saturday. The first installment payments received after Monday, December 12, 2011 that do not have a US Postal stamp of the 12<sup>th</sup> or earlier will be charged a 10% delinquent fee. The second installment of property taxes are due February 1, 2012 and are delinquent after April 10, 2012.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Freidenrich encourages taxpayers to save postage costs and pay your property tax bill on-line by eCheck at no cost using your bank checking or savings account at [bos.ocgov.com/octaxbill](http://bos.ocgov.com/octaxbill), a secure website. Freidenrich states "the most cost effective way for my office to process tax payments is by eCheck". To further assist taxpayers, tax payments processed no later than midnight Monday, December 12, 2011, using the Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector's website at [bos.ocgov.com/octaxbill](http://bos.ocgov.com/octaxbill) will be accepted as timely payment of taxes. This represents a change from the 5:00 pm deadline in previous years.

Payments by eCheck, which allows a taxpayer to pay using their checking account on-line without a convenience fee, now represents 11% of the tax payments received since July 1, 2011 and have increased 30% from the same period last year. Mailed tax payments currently represent 67% of the tax payments received since July 1, 2011, but have declined by 7% over the same period. In addition, payments using on-line banking services have also increased by 7%. However, because it may take up to seven days to receive these payments and payments not received by the last payment date will be charged the delinquent penalty, we encourage those wishing to use their bank checking or savings account to pay by eCheck on our secure website to ensure timely payment of taxes.

In October, 2011, over 840,000 secured property tax bills were mailed out to Orange County property owners. The Treasurer-Tax Collector has received 4.47% more secured tax revenues than in the same period last year and secured tax revenues are up 32% from the same period in FY 2007-2008.



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