

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please review this information before calling.

However, if you have a question that is not answered here, we welcome your call.

Check the phone numbers on the front page for the correct office that can answer your questions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. 1:00 to 4:00
Monday through Friday

The prime function of the Collector is the collection of taxes. The Collector must collect the taxes due as shown on the Assessor's records. The Collector has no authority to make any changes or additions to the tax statements without the Assessor's intervention.

Taxes must be paid by December 31st of the current year or be postmarked no later than December 31st, to avoid late charges. All delinquent taxes must be paid before the current year tax. Check will be returned if penalty is not correct.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Personal property taxes are based on the vehicles you owned as of January 1st of the current year.

You must report what personal property you own directly to the Assessor no later than March 1st yearly.

If you are a new resident to Maries County, contact the Assessor to let them know you are now living in this county. You will still pay personal property tax in the county from which you moved if you were a resident there on January 1st.

REAL ESTATE TAX

Real estate taxes are mailed to the property owner of record as of January 1st of the current year, unless we have been notified to mail it elsewhere.

If you purchased real estate in Maries County at any time during the year, it is your responsibility to contact the Assessor to insure that the record is changed.

If your taxes are paid through your escrow account with your lending institution, your lender must notify the Collector no later than September 15th of each year for them to receive the bill, otherwise the bill will be mailed to the owner, and it will be the owner's responsibility to get the tax bill to the lender.

It is the obligation of the taxpayer to see that property is properly described and assessed, and that the Collector has their correct mailing address.

A deed must be filed in the Recorder's office to change any name on real estate. If you feel the name on your tax bill does not match your deed, please contact the Assessor.

Pursuant to Revised Missouri Statutes Chapter 140, any real estate that has three years delinquent taxes must be offered for sale to discharge the lien for the delinquent and unpaid taxes.

Failure to receive a tax statement does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her obligation to pay taxes when due.

MARIES COUNTY COLLECTOR

NOTICE TO CREDIT / DEBIT CARD USERS

YOUR CARD MUST BE PRESENT IN MY OFFICE TO VERIFY ITS VALIDITY OR YOU MAY USE YOUR CREDIT/DEBIT VIA TELEPHONE OR WEBSITE. PLEASE CALL #877-690-3729 WHICH GOES DIRECTLY TO MY PAYMENT PROCESSING CENTER. YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR A JURISDICTION CODE WHICH IS 3554 OR VISIT WWW.MARIESCOUNTYMO.GOV (COLLECTOR TAB; PAY BY WEB). YOU WILL ALSO BE ASKED FOR THE TAX BILL# WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER RIGHT-HAND CORNER OF YOUR TAX BILL. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TAX BILL(S) IN FRONT OF YOU WHEN MAKING YOUR PAYMENT. THERE ARE CONVENIENCE FEES WHICH APPLY TO ALL CREDIT/DEBIT CARD TRANSACTIONS. THESE CONVENIENCE FEES ARE NOT RETAINED BY THE COLLECTOR OR THE COUNTY. PHONE AND WEBSITE PAYMENTS ARE RECEIPTED WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS. CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY TAXPAYERS MAKING INSTALLMENTS ON REAL ESTATE TAXES.