



Dear Taxpayer,

Enclosed is your 2024 property tax bill which is based on values established January 1, 2024. Any change to your property value as a result of events in 2024, including recent damage from Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton, will be reflected on next year's bill. A few important reminders while you review this year's bill:

- ⇒ Although your property may not be in the condition it was on January 1st of this year, state law requires taxes to be **assessed as of January 1, 2024 for the entire year 2024.**
- ⇒ Property taxes are payable anytime between now and March 31, 2025. Keep in mind, there is **no penalty** for payment until **after March 31, 2025**, and you receive a discount if you pay early. This is explained on your bill.
- ⇒ If your property was damaged, contact the Property Appraiser at www.sc-pa.com/appraisal-info/damage-reporting so your assessment can be adjusted for 2025.
- ⇒ Our property tax dollars pay for many services, including fire & rescue, law enforcement protection, roads and utilities, which ensure our community continues to recover from recent disasters.
- ⇒ Your Tax Collector does not decide how much to collect. Contact information for those who make that decision can be found on your bill.

In closing, answers to frequently asked questions can be found below. Please read carefully to ensure that you receive any discounts and do not have to pay any penalties. If you have a question that is not answered below, or have a suggestion as to how this office can serve you better, please let me know. We **always** need to hear from our customers!

Very truly yours,

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I get a bill for each property I own?

Yes, a separate tax bill is sent for each property. If you did not receive all of your bills, contact us or print one at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com.

Who do I speak to about exemptions, including homestead?

Contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com.

How do I change my mailing address?

Contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com to submit the correct address.

How do I add, remove, or change a name on my bill?

In most cases, a new deed is required. Deeds & other legal instruments are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. For specific details regarding your property, contact the Property Appraiser.

Do I have to pay the bill if I sold my property?

- ⇒ **Real estate:** you do not owe the tax. You can disregard the bill.
- ⇒ **Tangible personal property:** if you were the owner on January 1, 2024, you owe the tax. If you sold the property before January 1, 2024, please contact us with the new owner's name and address.

Do I have to pay the entire bill if I purchased my property mid-year?

Usually, there is a proration between the buyer and seller at closing. On your closing documents, there may be a line item where you received credit or funds from the seller for their portion of the tax for the year. If you are unsure who is responsible to pay the tax or if you need help finding this information, contact your closing agent.

What if I can't pay my taxes?

Homestead tax deferral for CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY allows Florida residents to delay paying all or part of their taxes if requirements are met concerning income and liens on the

property. The deferred portion becomes a lien and interest accrues until the taxes are paid. An application is available at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com or by contacting our office. The application is due by March 31, 2025.

What do I need to know about escrowed taxes?

- Escrow companies must submit their payments by November 30th.
- ⇒ **If your taxes are escrowed**, and your bill was requested by an escrow company, an "Account Escrowed" message will appear in the box at the upper right of your tax bill. You do not need to do anything; this notice is for your records.
- ⇒ **If your taxes are escrowed but an "Account Escrowed" message does NOT appear on your bill**, it may not have been requested by an escrow company and you should contact them **immediately**.
- ⇒ **If your taxes are NOT escrowed** but your bill has an "Account Escrowed" message, you can pay your taxes online or mail your payment with the bottom portion of your bill.

What is the difference between the partial payment plan and quarterly installment payment plan?

- ⇒ **Partial Payment Plan for CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY** allows you to pay your taxes in as many payments as you would like, but the entire amount must be paid in full by March 31, 2025. For details, see the "Notice of Partial Payment" form on the back side of your tax bill.
- ⇒ **Quarterly Installment Payment Plan for NEXT YEAR'S TAXES** allows you to pay your taxes in four payments rather than one. *Unfortunately, you cannot pay the bill you just received in quarterly installments.* For 2025 installments, complete the application at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com by April 30, 2025.

2024 Property Tax Bill Sample

Your tax bill is a combination of ad valorem taxes collected for taxing authorities and non-ad valorem assessments collected for levying authorities. If you have a question regarding one of the charges on your bill, please contact that authority directly. If you have a question regarding your assessed value or exemptions, including the homestead exemption, contact the Property Appraiser at 941.861.8200, PA@SC-PA.com or www.SC-PA.com. If you have questions regarding the recording of public records, including property deeds, contact the Clerk of Circuit Court at 941.861.7400, clkinfo@SarasotaClerkandComptroller.com or www.SarasotaClerk.com.

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NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

1 SAMPLE CUSTOMER 123 MAIN STREET ANY TOWN, FL 12345-6789	3 123 MAIN ST LOT 1 SAMPLE COMMUNITY	2	4
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1 - Account

Unique number identifying your property.

2 - Owner & Mailing Address

The owner and address according to official records.

3 - Message

Special alerts about your bill.

4 - Location or Legal Description

Address or legal description of your property.

5 - Exemptions

Based on your eligibility. Contact the Property Appraiser with questions.

6 - Taxable Value

The value of your property, less exemptions. This amount is used to calculate your ad valorem taxes.

7 - Ad Valorem Taxing Authorities

Responsible for setting millage rates. Taxes are calculated by multiplying the taxable value by the millage rate.

8 - Non-Ad Valorem Levying Authorities

Responsible for setting non-ad valorem assessments. Rate is based on a unit of measure determined by the levying authority.

9 - Total Taxes

Total of the ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments. No discounts have been subtracted from this amount.

10 - Amount Due

Pay only **one** amount. Amount is based on the date postmarked, paid online, or placed in a 24-hour drop box. Discounts have been deducted from these amounts.

11 - Return with Payment

Tear off and return this portion of the bill with your payment.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

AD VALOREM TAXES						
TAXING AUTHORITY	PHONE	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES LEVIED
7		5			6	
TOTAL MILLAGE			TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES			

YOUR EXEMPTIONS			
5			
Questions about exemptions? Contact the Property Appraiser 941.861.8200 PA@SC-PA.com			

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
LEVYING AUTHORITY	PHONE	RATE	AMOUNT
8			
TOTAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS - Check deductibility with tax professional.			
9 COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS (see below for amount to pay)			

Pay one amount only (discount already deducted)	10				
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Amount due based on the date postmarked, paid at
www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com, or placed in a drop box.

PAY ONE AMOUNT ONLY!

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Checks payable to Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates
U.S. funds only - No postdated checks

MAIL TO: PO BOX 30332, TAMPA FL 33630-3332

Refer to the back side of your bill for important information and payment instructions.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS TO PAY THE BILL



Online by eCheck (no fee), debit card (\$1.50 fee) or credit card (2.35% or \$1.50 minimum fee).



By Mail to PO Box 30332, Tampa, FL 33630-3332 with check payable to Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates.



In Person by scheduling an appointment at sctc.tax/appt.



24-Hour Drop Box at each location with a check & return portion of the tax bill. (Do not place cash in the drop box.)

DO YOU OWN A RENTAL PROPERTY?

**ADDITIONAL TAXES ARE REQUIRED;
CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE.**



If you own a property that is available to rent for six months or less, the **Tourist Development Tax** must be collected.

*If you know someone who may not be paying the tax, submit an anonymous referral to our **Tax Tipline** at 941.861.8393 or sctc.tax/tipline.*