

NOTICE

The Town of Hopkinton currently maintains a community emergency notification telephone system known as "Code RED". It is a telephone message service, free of charge, which delivers automated telephone calls, within minutes, to those individuals whose telephone numbers are in the system.

Code RED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Hopkinton residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or email about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town.

To be placed into the system, please go to the Town's website at www.hopkintonri.org, click onto the Hopkinton Emergency Notification Roster and enter your personal information. If you need assistance to Register, please contact IT Director Edward Vasquez at (401) 377-7757.

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

For questions regarding TAX PAYMENTS (Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicles). Please contact Tax Collector (401-377-7781) or rdeane@hopkintonri.org.

RIGL 44-7-7 The sending of this tax notice is required by law, failure to receive this notice DOES NOT waive the tax or penalty.

RIGL 44-7-11 (f) Collectors to furnish statement of liens including RP and MV on Municipal Lien Certificate.

RIGL 44-5-13.10 New Construction-The Town of Hopkinton has the authority to assess a tax against new construction.

We are not responsible for LOST, LATE OR MISDIRECTED MAIL.

Separate bills are being mailed for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles.

Tax Payments are due quarterly. The due dates are September 8th, December 8th, March 8th, and June 8th. The Town of Hopkinton will be conducting two (2) Tax Sales per year. If tax is past due for (2) two quarters, property is subject to Tax Sale. The Town of Hopkinton may require payment in full to be removed from the Tax Sale.

If your Total Tax on this notice is \$100 or less, it must be paid in full at the 1st quarter.

There is a ten (10) calendar day grace period immediately following each Installment.

Please email proper coupon with each payment. If a receipt is requested, please enclose a SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. Please send email address and we will email receipt.

Please notify Tax Collector's office of any change of address.

NO SEPARATE BILL IS MAILED TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY. The property owner is responsible for all taxes. If your bank remits payment for your Real Estate Taxes you must forward this bill to them. (Make a copy for yourself).

If you have a **Tax Block at the DMV** and a **Registration Approved** stamp is required the taxes on your Motor Vehicles must be paid in full. Payment must be made by Money Order, Bank Check, Credit Card (fee charged) or Cash to be unblocked immediately. If paid with Personal or Business check we wait 15 days for check to clear.

A \$30.00 Fee will be charged for any returned check. Returned Checks are not Re-Deposited.

If the remaining or any subsequent installment is not paid before the due date, the whole tax or any balance thereof shall at once become due and payable with per annum interest of 12%.

Additional information available on the Internet, www.hopkintonri.org. The Town of Hopkinton now accepts electronic payments for real estate and motor vehicle and tangible taxes. Contact our office to set up authorization for direct payment. Taxes may also be paid by a Credit or Debit card. A fee is charged for this. Go to RIeGov.com to access your account information. You will need your Account Number and your Pin Number which are available on your Tax bill.

HOURS: M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Telephone: (401) 377-7781

Tax Collector – Rita H. Deane email: rdeane@hopkintonri.org

Deputy Tax Collector – Mary Lynn Caswell email: marylynn@hopkintonri.org

Remit Tax Payment to:

Town of Hopkinton

Tax Collector

1 Town House Road

P.O. Box 154

Hopkinton, RI 02833-0154

STATE LAW MUNICIPAL EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

General Law 44-33-5 Property Tax Relief for forms call 222-2934 or 222-3934

General Law 44-5-26 Tax Appeal Process – Appeal to Superior Court

General Law 44-3-3 (16) Poverty/Infirmity Exemption

General Law 44-34-4.1 Interstate Bus or Trucking Co.

Wheelchair Adapted Vehicle Exemption

General Law 44-3-29.1 Inventory Phase-out

General Law 44-34.1-1 Motor Vehicle Phase-out

General Law 44-3-4 Veterans Exemptions

Qualified Service Dates

Gold Star Parents (one only)

Total Service – connected disabled veteran

Certified blind residents

Total service – connected veteran who lives in "specially adapted housing"

Farm, Forest, Open Space Act (P.L. 1968 Chap. 288) and elderly exemptions are also available.

Assessor Information:

For questions regarding ASSESSMENT of Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicles and Personal Exemptions, please call (401) 377-7780 or email: assessor@hopkintonri.org.

Real Estate and Personal Property Assessments:

Title 44 of the Rhode Island General Law specifies the method to follow when appealing an assessment. The filing of an Annual True and Exact Account (44-5-15) on or before January 31st of each year is a pre-requisite to an appeal. **Chapter 44-5-26 gives an appeal deadline of ninety (90) days after the first payment is due to appeal to the local Assessor, and thereafter to the Tax Board of Review.**

Motor Vehicle Excise Information:

STATE LAWS: 44-34-2 require the Town to tax for the privilege of registration, prorated for the number of days registered. 44-34-11 states that the assessment is based upon the average retail value, not the value of your particular vehicle. **44-34-8 sets the appeal deadline at forty-five (45) days after the Tax Notices are mailed.**

Summary:

You are assessed a tax for your registration, not your car.

Assessment for this Tax Notice is based upon year 2015

registrations. The tax is based upon the average retail price of your vehicle's year, make and model as set by the State. The tax must be paid as long as the registration plates are active in your name, even if you no longer have the car. If you leave the state, you must return your plates and registration to the RI Division of Motor Vehicles to avoid tax. Bring a copy of the cancellation to the Assessor's office.

Further details and all applications are available at the Assessor's Office and online at www.hopkintonri.org