



PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES DURING COVID-19

Ways to pay your taxes

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District of Saanich has adjusted payment methods and late penalties for property taxes. The Municipal Hall is open to the public and in person payments will be available with **limited** capacity. We encourage you to use one of the payment methods listed below.



Online banking: Pay through your financial institution's online banking system. Check their local cut-off time to ensure payment is received by the due date.



By mail: Mail your cheque and the bottom portion of your tax notice to 770 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, BC V8X 2W7. Payment must be received by July 2 to avoid penalty.



Drive through drop off: A secure drive through drop off will be available at the parking lot entrance to the Municipal Hall at anticipated peak times. Payment by cheque only. Check our website for details.



Drop box: There's a secure slot at the entrance of the Municipal Hall near the parking lot. The slot is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Payment by cheque only. Please practice safe physical distancing when using the drop box.



Through your financial institution: Contact your financial institution for their rules for paying bills on site.

Through your mortgage company: Contact your financial institution to set this up.

Late penalties

We adjusted the late penalties to provide some financial relief to Saanich taxpayers who are experiencing significant financial challenges. We encourage those who are able to pay by the due date to do so.

Penalty on unpaid taxes for all assessment classes

As of July 3, 2021	5%
As of September 2, 2021	5%

FRIDAY JULY 2, 2021

Property taxes and home owner grant applications are due

Full payment of property taxes and eligible home owner grants are due by July 2, 2021. Unclaimed home owner grants are considered to be unpaid taxes and are subject to penalty.

How to claim your home owner grant

Starting May 2021 you will apply for your home owner grant online or by phone with the Province.

Municipalities are **no longer** accepting applications. Program eligibility is unchanged.

In order to avoid penalties and interest, apply before the tax due date.

Learn more at:

gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or phone 1-888-355-2700 to speak with an agent

Our goal is to ensure you understand all the options before the July 2 due date. If you have questions or need assistance please visit saanich.ca/tax.

Contact our Property Tax Section at 250-475-5454 or propertytax@saanich.ca.

For more information on the budget, visit saanich.ca/budget.

