

What happens if I do not or cannot pay my property taxes on time?

Please be aware that the tax bill does not have to be paid in one lump sum. If it is easier, you may make payments. You can begin making payments once you receive your bill. Please call if you have any questions.

The tax bill must be paid in full by the due date in order to avoid the interest and penalty outlined below. However, any payments made before the due date will reduce the balance due and therefore reduce the interest and/or penalty.

Summer Tax bills: As per state law, if summer taxes are not paid by the due date (Sept. 14th), interest will be charged in the amount of 1% per month (or fraction of a month) on the unpaid balance. **Note; summer taxes remain at the township treasurer's office for payment until the last day of February each year.*

Winter Tax bills: As per state law, if winter taxes are not paid by the due date (Feb 14th), interest will be charged in the amount of 1% per month (of fraction of a month) on the unpaid balance. **Note; winter taxes remain at the township treasurer's office for payment until the last day of February each year.*

Penalty: As per state law, any taxes (winter or summer or both) that remain unpaid as of February 15th will be have a 3% penalty added to the balance due.

Any taxes that remain unpaid on March 1st, each year, are turned over to the Muskegon County Treasurer for collection - where additional penalties/interest are added and continue to accrue as per State law.

Please contact the County Treasurer for more details on their state mandated processes. The Muskegon County Treasurer's Department phone number is: 231-724-6261