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Wayne County Treasurer's Office

Fall 2021

Join us for our October Ask the Treasurer event

THE WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE PRESENTS

Ask the Treasurer

Wednesday October 20, 2021
6:00 PM



Eric R. Sabree
Wayne County Treasurer

Agencies providing resources for delinquent taxes,
payment plans, and utility assistance.

Join the conversation:

Zoom information: Call in:
Meeting ID: 830 7882 2240 1 (215) 446-3657
Password: 468138 1 (888) 363-4735



LIVE Wayne County Treasurer's Office- Eric R. Sabree

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Treasurer.waynecounty.com
WCTOCommunity@waynecounty.com | (313) 224-5990
400 Monroe Street 5th Floor Detroit, MI 48226

Please join our monthly Zoom call as part of our Ask the Treasurer series. The events typically take place on Zoom on the third Wednesday of every month. The topic for our next event will be resources for delinquent taxes, payment plans, and utility assistance.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://waynecounty.zoom.us/j/83078822240?pwd=ajRyMGRVOHdCUIFodldGMTVkJkZkRNUT09>

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Conference code: 445666

OPEN

by appointment only

The Wayne County Treasurer's Office is **open by appointment only** for the following transactions:

- "Pay as You Stay" transactions
- Payment plans.
- Deed certifications
- Delinquent tax payments

To make an appointment, visit **treasurer.waynecounty.com**, and scroll down to "Make an Appointment."

Masks or face coverings are required to visit the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

How to get into a payment plan

Getting into a payment plan is quick and easy. It can be done online. The Wayne County Treasurer's Office offers several payment plans to assist distressed taxpayers with paying delinquent taxes.

These plans are explained on the Treasurer's Office website. By following the steps outlined on Page 5 you can find which plan may work best for you — and then use it.

Wayne County Treasurer - Eric R. Sabree

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Fifth Annual Veterans Resource Fair

Benefits and Help for Veterans: By Zoom

On behalf of Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree, we invite you to our 5th annual Veterans Virtual Resource Fair. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's event will be held over Zoom. We will honor our veterans and share information and resources on the various property tax programs available through the Wayne County Treasurer's Office.

Representatives from Veterans Affairs, VA Hospital, Wayne County Veterans Affairs and other organizations will share information and resources. Information will be available on veterans benefits, utility assistance, health care, employment, housing and much more! We invite all branches of the armed services, veterans, spouses and other family members to attend.

Last year, we had over 200 veterans, spouses and their families in attendance. We shared valuable information and over 50 vendors provided resources covering housing, employment, benefits, health care and more.

This year's event will be held on November 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our keynote speaker will be Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II. Special invited guests are U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters. Co-hosts: Kwesi Betserai, Wayne County Veterans Affairs, and Zaneta Adams, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. Honorary co-chairs: U.S. House members Debbie Dingell, Brenda Lawrence and Rashida Tlaib. Master of ceremonies: Geoffrey Devereaux.

It would be our honor to have you join us for this special event. If you would like additional information, please email us at WCTOCommunity@waynecounty.com.

To join Zoom meeting Nov. 18:

<https://waynecounty.zoom.us/j/82012986214?pwd=cnNkVE15ZlFjRXRqVINUdDBDTGxjUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 1298 6214

Passcode: 267912

Call in: (215) 446 3657 or toll-free (888) 363 4735

Conference code: 445666

Meeting ID: 820 1298 6214

The event will also be able to be watched on Facebook live:

<https://www.facebook.com/Waynecountytreasurersoffice>



FIFTH ANNUAL VETERANS

★ ★ VIRTUAL JOBS AND RESOURCE FAIR ★ ★

**This year's event will focus on jobs
and employment issues**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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445666

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Wayne County Treasurer's Office-
Eric R. Sabree

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 • 10^{AM}-2^{PM}

SAVE THE DATE!

Hosted by

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

Co-Host

KWESI BETSERAI
Wayne County Veterans Affairs

Co-Host

ZANETA ADAMS
Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency

Congresswoman

DEBBIE DINGELL
Honorary Co-Chair

Congresswoman

BRENDA LAWRENCE
Honorary Co-Chair

Congresswoman

RASHIDA TLAIB
Honorary Co-Chair

Special Invited Guests

U.S. SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW • U.S. SENATOR GARY PETERS

Keynote Speaker

Lt. Governor

GARLIN GILCHRIST II

Master of Ceremonies

GEOFFREY DEVEREAUX

VENDORS & RESOURCE PROVIDERS TO ASSIST WITH:

**JOBS • HEALTH CARE • FORECLOSURE PREVENTION
EMPLOYMENT • HOUSING • UTILITY ASSISTANCE + MORE**

For more information e-mail WCTOCommunity@waynecounty.com



Taxpayer Assistance Programs

Dear Fellow Taxpayers:

As your Wayne County Treasurer, it is my honor and privilege to serve you. Please be advised that to be compliant with Michigan law, starting next year, the final date to enter into a payment plan will be **March 14, 2022**, and the last day to pay your forfeited taxes to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office will be **March 31, 2022**. Our office will begin offering the payment plans for 2019 and prior years' delinquent taxes in July 2021 instead of October as we have in the past.

Eric R. Sabree

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer



Payment Plans

(Many of these are available online at treasurer.waynecounty.com)

Interest Reduction Stipulated Payment Agreement (IRSPA)

This payment plan reduces the interest rate from 18% to 6% for eligible taxpayers. To sign up, you must own and live in your home, and have a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and ID that proves residency.

Distressed Owner Occupant Extension (DOOE)

This program is not available to everyone. If you own and live in the property, and are suffering financial hardship you may qualify for this program. Proof of ownership, occupancy, and hardship are required.

Stipulated Payment Agreement (SPA)

Available to everybody, this plan allows a taxpayer to pay taxes pursuant to a payment schedule. The plan will avoid foreclosure provided that payments are submitted per the agreed upon schedule.

Pay As You Stay Payment Agreement (PAYSPA)

Only for those who have first applied for their local municipality's Poverty Tax Exemption (PTE) and received an approval. Once notified by your local Assessor's office and deemed eligible, our office will mail you a notification letter with your Reduced Amount Due. You will have the option of paying a lump sum (additional 10% off) or enrolling into a PAYSPA.

Government Agencies and Contact Information

Wayne County
Treasurer's Office

400 Monroe St., 5th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
treasurer.waynecounty.com

General Information:

(313) 224-5990
taxinfo@waynecounty.com

Payment Plan Information:

WCTOPaymentPlans@waynecounty.com

Auction Information:

(313) 224-2864
wctauction@waynecounty.com

Wayne County Veteran Services

(313) 224-5045

Wayne County

Dept. of Human Services

(313) 456-1000

Wayne County Senior Services

(800) 851-1454

City of Detroit

www.detroitmi.gov

Property Tax Information:

(313) 224-3560

Property Assessment Information:

(313) 224-3035

Poverty Tax

Exemption/HPTAP:

(313) 224-3035

HPTAP@detroitmi.gov

Water and Sewage (DWSD)

(313) 267-8000

mydwsd@detroitmi.gov

Or contact your local municipality.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

(855) 275-6424

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

Free Counseling, Legal, Housing Assistance, and Foreclosure Prevention Services

ACCESS

www.accesscommunity.org
(313) 842-7010

Michigan Legal Services

(313) 964-4130
www.milegalservices.org

Accounting Aid Society

(866) 673-0873
www.accountingsociety.org

Southwest Housing Solutions

(313) 841-3727
kralston@swsol.org
www.swsol.org

Disability Network

(313) 923-1655
Dnwayne.org

United Community Housing Coalition

(313) 963-3310 or (313) 405-7726
taxhotline@uchcdetroit.org
www.uchcdetroit.org

Financial Empowerment Center

(313) 322-6222
DetroitFEC@detroitmi.gov
www.DetroitFEC.org

U-SNAP-BAC

(313) 640-1100
info@usnapbac.org
www.usnapbac.org

Homeless Action Network of Detroit

(313) 964-3666
www.handetroit.org

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency

313-388-9799
wmconnectcenter@waynemetro.org
www.waynemetro.org

Legal Aid and Defender Association

(313) 967-5555
www.ladadetroit.org

For more information, visit our website at treasurer.waynecounty.com or call **(313) 224-5990** or e-mail taxinfo@waynecounty.com

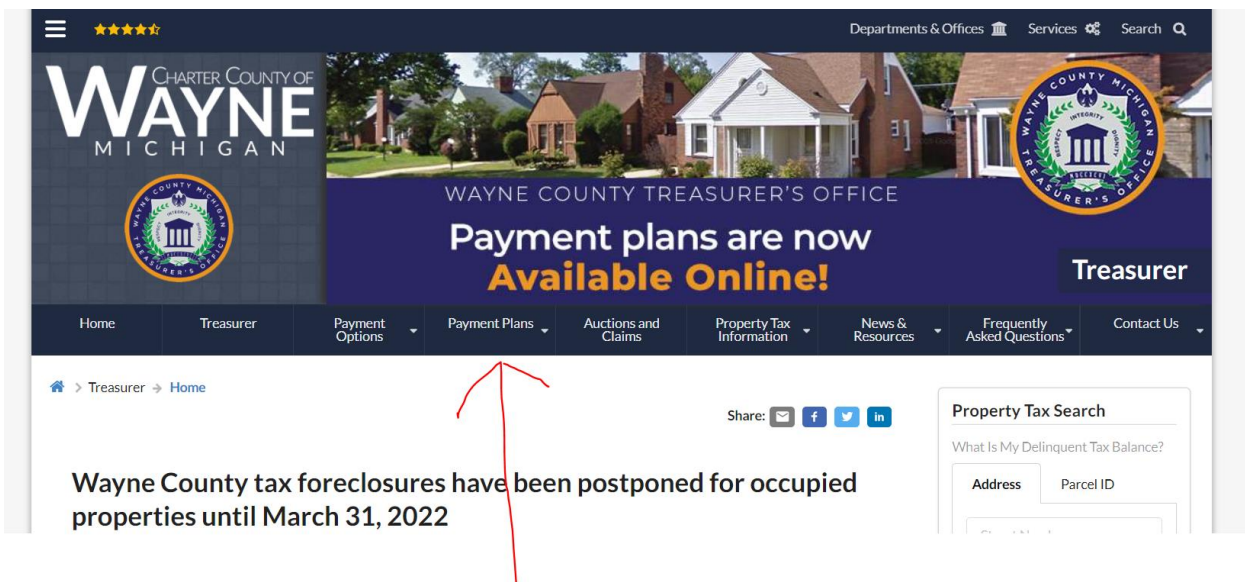
How to get into a payment plan online

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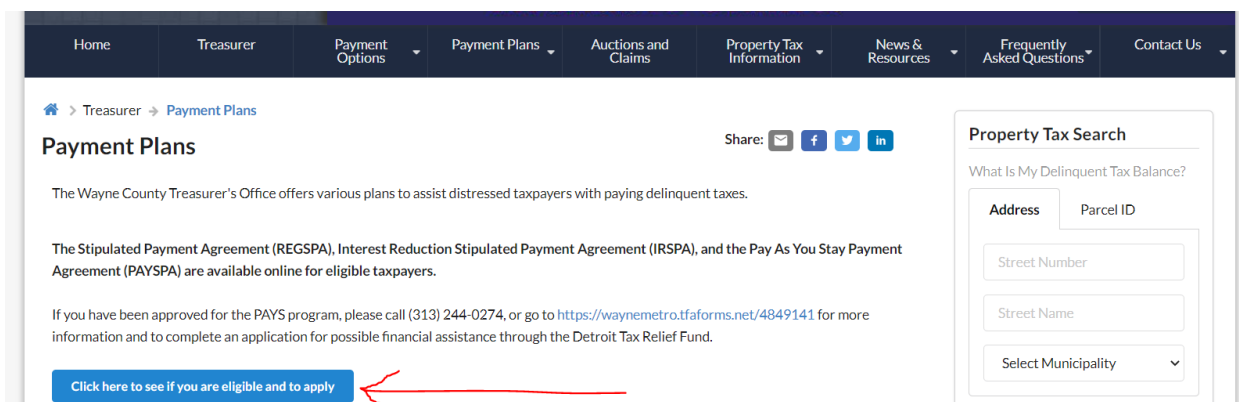
These plans are explained on the Treasurer's Office website. By following the steps outlined below you can find which plan may work best for you — and then use it. Here's how:

Step 1: Go to the Wayne County Treasurer's Office website: Treasurer.waynecounty.com

Step 2: From the home page, select "Payment Plans" from the menu bar. A drop-down menu will appear. Select "Payment Plans" from the drop-down menu.



Step 3: Scroll down to the blue box that reads, "Click here and see if you are eligible and to apply."



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Step 4: This will open up a new menu welcoming you to our property tax system. Click “Continue.” Enter the address of the property or select the parcel ID tab to enter the parcel ID. Then click “search.”

Step 5: The property tax bill will show on the screen, as well as the status of the property taxes for each year. Scroll down to the bottom of the page. There are options to “Pay now,” “Make Partial Payments” or “Request Tax Receipt.” Below those options will be a grey box that lists the available payment plans for that property and a description of the payment plan. The site will only list the payment plans available for that specific property. To enter into the payment plan, click on the purple box denoting the payment plan.

Per our records there are **no other** outstanding delinquent taxes for this parcel. certified funds required for forfeiture years.

If you choose to register as a user and create a recurring payment when transferred to the chase payment site, be advised that if you pay your taxes in full before your recurring payment expires, you will need to send an email to Treasurerweb@waynecounty.com and request that your recurring payment be stopped to avoid any over payments.

Pay now Make Partial Payments Request Tax Receipt

Regular Stipulated Payment Agreement (REGSPA) is a 10 installments payment plan for 2019 and prior forfeited taxes that are subject to Foreclosure. Plan ends in July 2022 and Interest rate continue at 18%. Required monthly payments need to be paid on time to avoid foreclosure.

REGSPA

Step 6: A window will pop up with the tax information and owner information. Fill out the requested information on the screen. All fields are required. Once complete, press “Proceed w/Payment.”

Step 7: When you click the “Proceed w/Payment” button, you will be transferred to a DocuSign portal to complete the E-Signature. Once that is completed you will be redirected to Chase Payment Portal and can make the required payment from your bank account or credit card. If you have any difficulty or choose to pay through a different method, you may make the required payment at a nearby DivDat kiosk which also accepts cash payments, or by using the Wayne County Mobile app. The Wayne County Mobile app can be downloaded through Apple or Google Play and selecting “Pay Property Taxes.” You will receive an email from “ERIC R. SABREE Wayne County Treasurer via DocuSign,” which allows you to print or download the completed payment plan, and to complete your E-Signature if you did not complete it at the time of enrollment.

Once you have made your final payment and signed the document in DocuSign, the process is complete. You have successfully enrolled into a payment plan!

If you have any issues getting into a payment plan, please email our office at wctopaymentplans@waynecounty.com or call us at (313) 224-5990. If you would like to come into the office, you must first make an appointment.

Frequently Asked Questions about the March 31 deadline

What's the importance of the March 31 deadline?

To be compliant with the Michigan law, the last day to pay your forfeited taxes or enter into a payment plan at the Wayne County Treasurer's Office will be March 31st of next year. The Wayne County Treasurer's Office can no longer extend the property tax redemption period.

Why can the Wayne County Treasurer's Office no longer extend the property tax redemption period?

A recently completed state audit found that the Wayne County Treasurer's Office was in violation of the law regarding the extension. We therefore can no longer extend the redemption period as we have in previous years.

How do I redeem my property from foreclosure?

To redeem your property, you must pay off your delinquent property taxes or enter into a payment plan.

What should I do if I cannot pay my property taxes?

You should sign up for a payment plan. The Wayne County Treasurer's Office offers various payment plans to assist taxpayers with paying delinquent taxes. If you agree to a plan, you can have more time to complete the payment of your taxes. You may also be able to get assistance or free legal help from our community partners. Visit our website treasurer.waynecounty.com to enter into a payment plan or to learn about our community partners.

What should I do if I have questions regarding payment plans?

Please email all payment plan questions to wctopaymentplans@waynecounty.com.

Can I make partial payments?

Partial payments will be accepted. You can send in whatever amount you wish to be applied to your taxes. If you want to receive a statement reflecting the amount paid as well as the balance due, you must send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

**The Wayne County Treasurer's Office is on social media!
Follow, like and subscribe for up-to-date info!**



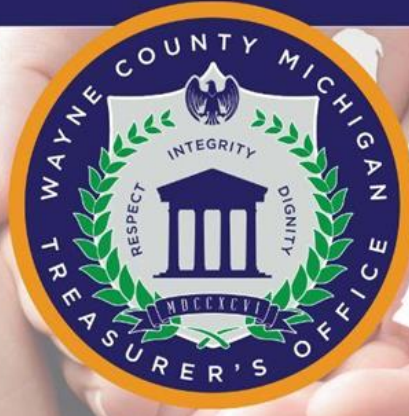
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TREASURER'S PROPERTY TAX RESOURCE AND ASSISTANCE FAIR

Hosted by: Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree
and Romulus City Treasurer Stacy Paige

**Avoid foreclosure. Get into a payment plan.
Receive assistance from community partners.**

**Saturday, November 6, 2021
10 am - 2 pm**

**Romulus Athletic Center-
Day care center
35765 Northline Road
Romulus, MI 48174**



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Treasurer Sabree co-chairs Gift of Life MOTTEP Life Walk

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree participated in the Gift of Life MOTTEP Life Walk kickoff. Treasurer Sabree was the co-chair of the event along with City of Detroit Clerk Janice Winfrey.



Phar-Mor Pharmacy grand opening

Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree attended the grand opening of the Phar-Mor Pharmacy located at 10420 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 on July 23, 2021. During the event, Treasurer Sabree assisted members of the community with their property taxes and informed them about payment plans and the upcoming March 31, 2022, foreclosure deadline.





HELPFUL WAYNE COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS



Dear Fellow Taxpayers:

As your elected Wayne County Treasurer, it is my honor to continue serving you. For your convenience, I am providing you with a list of Wayne County phone numbers that you may find helpful.

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

Property Tax Information	(313) 224-5990
Autism Awareness	(313) 831-5535
Birth & Death Records	(313) 224-0811
Children & Family Services.....	(313) 833-3464
Circuit Court.....	(313) 224-6262
County Clerk.....	(313) 224-6262
County Commission.....	(313) 224-2383
County Executive	(313) 224-0286
Deaf and Blind Services	(313) 437-7035
Friend of the Court	(313) 224-2501
Health and Human Services	(313) 224-0810
Health Department.....	(313) 876-4000
Marriage Licenses	(313) 224-5520
Mental Health Services	(313) 224-7000
Nutrition	(734) 326-5202
Parks	(313) 224-1100
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Probate Court	(313) 224-5706
Prosecutor	(313) 224-5777
Public Services - Roads	(734) 595-6504
Register of Deeds	(313) 224-5850
Senior Services Aging	(734) 722-2830
Senior Services (Detroit Only)	(313) 446-4444
Sheriff	(313) 224-2222
Veterans Affairs	(313) 224-5045
WIC Programs	(313) 876-4555



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WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION



2019 PROPERTY TAX TIMELINE

ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County
Treasurer

Michigan law, Act 123 of the Public Acts of 1999 (MCL 211.78 et seq), establishes the time property owners have to pay their delinquent taxes before losing their property.

July/December 2019: 2019 property taxes are billed by city/township treasurer.

March 1, 2020: Unpaid 2019 property taxes became delinquent and were forwarded to the county treasurer for collection. State law requires a 4% administration fee and 1% per month interest.

October 1, 2020: A \$15 collection fee is added to each parcel.

March 1, 2021: Property is forfeited to county treasurer. State law requires the addition of a \$175 fee and \$30 in recording fees. Interest increases from 1% per month to 1.5% per month, back to the date the taxes became delinquent.

October/November 2021: Notice of Show Cause Hearing and Judicial Foreclosure Hearing are personally served upon a property occupant or posted on the property.

November 2021: Publication of forfeited properties subject to tax foreclosure on March 31, 2022.

January 2022: The Show Cause Hearings will be held remotely the second, third and fourth weeks of January. In addition to providing an opportunity to show cause why absolute title to the property should not vest in the county treasurer, our interviewers will have contact information for our community partners who may be able to assist you with your issues.

February 2022: Zoom Judicial Foreclosure Hearings will be scheduled for the month. The date and scheduling link for the Hearings will be included in the yellow bag packet.

March 2022: Circuit Court enters a judgment of foreclosure. Property owners may redeem their property by paying the taxes, interest, penalties and fees by March 31, 2022 or lose their property.

April 1, 2022: Property is foreclosed. Property owners lose all rights. Title to the property passes to the county treasurer.

September & October 2022: Foreclosed property is offered for sale at public auction.



PAY DELINQUENT TAXES ONLINE AND SAVE TIME.
www.treasurer.waynecounty.com

Make an online appointment if you wish to visit in person.

For questions, contact us at:

taxinfo@waynecounty.com or (313) 224-5990
400 Monroe St., 5th Floor, Detroit, MI 48226



ERIC R. SABREE
Wayne County Treasurer

WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE

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Appointments can be made for the following transactions:

- "Pay As You Stay" transactions
- Payment plans
- Deed certifications
- Required in person cash transactions

**Masks required while visiting the WCTO.
Please practice social distancing.**

**Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**For additional questions:
Email taxinfo@waynecounty.com
or call (313) 224-5990**



Tax Payment Options

Pay Taxes Online

<https://pta.waynecounty.com/>

The payment site may default to an amount to be paid; if this is not the amount you wish to pay you may delete the number that appears in the screen and insert the amount that you wish to pay. Search for your parcel. Select the "Pay Now" option and follow the Step-by-Step process for the following:

- Electronic debit to a checking or savings account (ACH). Payments made using this service are at no cost to the taxpayer.
- This site is authorized to accept Visa and MasterCard. Taxpayers using this service will incur a service charge of 2.49% of the total taxes paid. The fee is paid to the service provider, not the Wayne County Treasurer.



Pay By Mail

Wayne County Treasurer
P.O. Box 554889
Detroit, MI 48232-5555



To avoid delays, please make sure to also mail the payment "coupon" barcode from the bottom of one of our notices with your payment. If your payment does not contain the tear off "coupon" barcode, your payment will be delayed.

Payments postmarked by the last day of the month will be honored as if received on that day. Please note your parcel ID on the check. A receipt will not be provided. Should you require a receipt you must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. The parcel ID or address of the property should be written on the back of the envelope.

You may also request a receipt by providing an email address to our website (Pay Taxes Online) and a receipt will then be provided by email. A tax year that has a status of forfeiture requires certified funds only.

Pay By Phone

(313) 224-5990
Select Option 1

You can now pay by phone by calling (313) 224-5990 and choosing option 1. You will be prompted to create a password the first time you inquire about your parcel, but your information will be saved for any future payments you make by entering your password. You will be given a confirmation number at the end of the call and if you wish to receive a receipt, you can go back to the website and request one in a few days, or you can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to our address.



Tax Payment Kiosks

Visit wctkiosk.com for a list of locations

- Make payments and look up account details
- Easy tax information look-up
- Pay with check, cash or credit card (Payment by cash or check is free. Payment by credit card will incur a 2.49% service charge paid to the service provider not the Wayne County Treasurer.)

Pay By Mobile App

Wayne County Mobile Payment App

Avoid heavy traffic, increased parking rates, and long lines. During high volume dates, please use the kiosks, or download and use the Wayne County Mobile App to make payments.

Search for Wayne County Mobile in the Apple App Store or WCMobile on Google Play to download the FREE Wayne County mobile app.





Having a Community Zoom Meeting?

We would love to be a part of it!

Invite us to your church, community meeting, or block club to hear information about foreclosure prevention and payment plans!

Help Us Help Residents!



- Foreclosure Prevention
- Payment Plan Options
- Property Tax Information



For more information, call **(313) 224-5990** or
e-mail **wctocommunity@waynecounty.com**