

Understanding Your Tax Bill

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This Notice of Taxes is a **TEMPORARY TAX BILL**. At the time of this mailing, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners has not set a final 2009 millage rate. The Board of Commissioners petitioned the Court for a Temporary Collection Order and a Superior Court Judge granted the order dictating the millage rates to be used for this **TEMPORARY BILLING**. Check the county's website at www.GwinnettCounty.com for more information about the setting of millage rates. New payment dates for this bill are **October 15** and **November 15**.

A **FINAL NOTICE OF TAXES** may be sent to you after a final millage rate is set and the Georgia Department of Revenue approves the 2009 Digest. **You will receive a final notice if you owe additional taxes or if you are due a refund.** The final bill would reflect the difference between the temporary millage rate set by the Judge and the final millage rate set by the Board of Commissioners. Check our website at www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com for additional billing information.

This NOTICE OF TAXES/TEMPORARY BILL must be paid in full by November 15 in order to avoid penalties and interest.

NOTICE OF TAXES - GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA
KATHERINE L. MEYER Tax Commissioner
 www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com 770-822-8800
 TaxCommissioner@GwinnettCounty.com PHONE PAYMENT PIN NUMBER: 12345678

TAX YEAR 2009	PARCEL ID R1111 111	NAME GWINNETT HOMEOWNER
ACREAGE 0.2586	MILL RATE 0.0319300	PROPERTY LOCATION & DESCRIPTION 1234 ANYWHERE ST L1 BA ANYWHERE MANOR
APPRAISAL DETAIL		CREDITS AND EXEMPTIONS
LAND VALUE: \$56,000	BLDG VALUE: \$116,000	GWINNETT HOMESTEAD: \$181.20
TOTAL VALUE: \$172,000		VALUE OFFSET EXEMPTION: \$73.13
ASSESSED VALUE: \$68,800		TOTAL EXEMPTION: \$254.33

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

UNINCORPORATED COUNTY TAXES	\$1,355.61
SCHOOL TAXES	\$2,559.71
STATE OF GEORGIA TAXES	\$31.14
STORMWATER SERVICE FEE - COUNTY - Sq/Ft: 6000 Rate per Sq/Ft: 0.246	\$147.60
STORMWATER CREDIT	\$-44.28
SPEED TABLES	\$12.00
CITY TAXES	\$54.70
RES UNDERGROUND STREET LIGHTS	\$18.00
DECAL FEE	\$10.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$4,144.48

PLEASE RETAIN THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR 2nd INSTALLMENT PAYMENT

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Address: _____

Effective Date: _____

Signature: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

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1. Parcel ID
 This number is the primary identifier for your property in the Gwinnett County Tax Records. You may utilize this number to access property records on our website or telephone system. Additionally, it is helpful to reference this number when corresponding with our office.

2. Name
 This is the owner of record as of January 1 of the tax year billed. In cases of multiple property owners, up to two names will appear. If an ownership change took place after January 1, property taxes may have been prorated at real estate closing. Bills will be sent to the last known address of both parties.

3. Property Location & Description
 This is the street address and legal description as provided by the Tax Assessor's Office.

4. Appraisal & Assessed Value
 This is the appraised value as reported by the Tax Assessor's Office for this property for this tax year. The assessed value is 40% of the appraisal and is used with the millage rate to calculate total taxes due.

5. Millage Rate
 This is the rate used to calculate the total taxes due. This rate is set by the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, the State and cities. With a temporary collection order, the rate can be set by a judge on an interim basis.

6. Credits & Exemptions
 These are the current approved exemptions that reduce the total taxes due.

7. Stormwater Service Fee
 If you live within the unincorporated areas of Gwinnett County, or within the cities of Lilburn, Snellville or Sugar Hill this service fee is based on the amount of impervious surface areas such as roofs, patios, etc., on the property.

8. PIN
 Use this number when accessing your account on the automated phone system.

9. Second Installment Payment Stub
 Return this stub with your second installment payment. **The second installment must be paid by November 15.** After the due date, any unpaid amount is subject to a 5% penalty and a 1% monthly interest charge.

10. First Installment Payment Stub
 Return this stub with your first installment payment. To pay the total amount in a single installment, return this section with your payment.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How can I save money on my tax bill?

There are currently 14 exemptions available to Gwinnett County homeowners, which include senior and disabled exemptions for which certain persons may be eligible. To find out more about eligibility requirements for all exemptions, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com or contact the Property Tax Department at 770-822-8800.

2. How do I apply for the Homestead Exemption?

Many homeowners who bought homes during the previous calendar year will receive an application by mail; however, it is ultimately the responsibility of each homeowner to make timely application. If you do not receive application by **February 1**, contact our office. Homestead exemption applications are due on or before **March 1** of the tax year in which application is being made. Complete and either mail it back to the Tax Commissioner's office, or come to the office in person on or before the due date. Please note that the same application can be used for any one of the exemptions offered. Supporting documentation may be required for some exemptions. We recommend using certified mail if you choose to mail the application; the signed signature card will serve as your proof of timely application. You can also apply on our website year round.

3. How do I pay my bill?

There are four options for bill payment:

Internet — Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com to pay by check or credit card. (Fees will apply to credit card payments.)

Phone — Dial 770-822-8800 and select option #1 to pay by check.

Mail — Return the payment stub with a check or money order in the enclosed envelope.

In Person — Payments may be made by cash, check or money order at the Property Tax Office counter. Bring your bill stub. Payments may also be made at any Gwinnett Tag Office location.

4. What if I can't pay my entire bill on time?

For 2009, unpaid amounts after the second installment due date are subject to penalty and interest charges. We suggest paying as much as you are able as soon as possible to reduce penalty and interest charges.

Gwinnett County Motor Vehicle Department

Tag Office Locations

Property tax payments are accepted at all Gwinnett County tag offices.

For office hours, visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com

Lawrenceville

750 South Perry Street, Suite 100
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Norcross

5030 Georgia Belle Court, Suite 1013
Norcross, GA 30093

Snellville

2845 Lenora Church Road
Snellville, GA 30078

Peachtree Corners

Market Place Shopping Center
6135 Peachtree Parkway, Suite 201B
Norcross, GA 30092

North Gwinnett

2735 Mall of Georgia Boulevard
Buford, GA 30519

Contact Information

Tax Commissioner's Office: www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com
Property Tax Department: 770-822-8800 Tax@GwinnettCounty.com
Motor Vehicles Department: 770-822-8818 Tag@GwinnettCounty.com

- Receives and processes applications for Homestead Exemptions
- Performs all functions related to the billing, collecting, distributing, disbursing, and accounting of taxes collected in the county
- Serves as an agent for the State Revenue Commissioner for the registration of motor vehicles

Tax Assessor's Office: www.Gwinnett-Assessor.com
Real Property 770-822-7200 Assessor@GwinnettCounty.com
Personal Property 770-822-7220 Assessor@GwinnettCounty.com

- Assesses and equalizes all assessments within the county
- Notifies taxpayers when changes are made to the value of the property
- Receives and reviews all appeals filed
- Ensures that the appeal process proceeds properly
- Receives property tax returns and approves exemptions

Please note - If you do not agree with the value assigned to your property for tax purposes, it is your right to file a tax return with the Tax Assessor's Office and state the value you consider to be accurate. Tax returns may be filed any time between **January 1 and March 1**. If you file a return, you will be notified of whether the Assessor's Office agrees with your stated value through an Assessment Notice. For further information, please contact the Tax Assessor's Office.

Board of Commissioners and Board of Education

County Millage Rates 770-822-7000 www.GwinnettCounty.com
School Millage Rates 678-301-6200 www.Gwinnett.k12.ga.us

- Elected county and school officials determine the county and school budget and set the millage rate.

Stormwater Utility www.GwinnettStormwater.com

Stormwater Service 678-376-7193 swservice@GwinnettCounty.com

- Provides support for major stormwater activities such as replacing stormwater pipes, reducing flooding, fulfilling regulatory requirements and reducing pollution carried by stormwater to our waterways
- The established rate for years 2009 - 2011 is \$2.46/100 square feet.

Other Stormwater Fees

The Tax Commissioner's Office also collects fees for separate city-administrated stormwater utilities for Snellville and Sugar Hill. For questions related to the fees assessed by these cities, see the contact information below.

- Snellville City stormwater fees - Craig Barton, Public Works Manager - 770-985-3524 www.Snellville.org
- Sugar Hill City stormwater fees - Sugar Hill City Hall - 770-945-6716 www.CityofSugarHill.com

Street Lights and Speed Tables

Traffic Engineering and Planning 770-822-7462

- Provides information on speed tables and streetlights

Gwinnett County Property Tax Department

75 Langley Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
Office: 770-822-8800
Fax: 770-822-7292

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30am - 5:00pm

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