



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
Angel Taveras, Mayor

2013 Tax Bills: Frequently Asked Questions



When is the deadline for paying my taxes?

First-quarter taxes are due on July 24. There will be no extension.

Can I pay my bill online?

Yes, at www.providenceri.com/collector. You can pay your taxes with an electronic check, debit card or credit card. You can also track payments.

Why don't I see the homestead exemption on my tax bill? Why didn't I get a homestead exemption?

There is no longer a homestead exemption. Instead, the City has two simple tax rates – an owner occupied rate of \$19.25 and a non-owner occupied rate of \$33.75. Last year, there was one tax rate of \$31.89 with a 50% owner-occupied exemption and a 15% non-owner occupied exemption.

My assessment went down but my taxes went up – why?

If your property's assessed value went down only slightly, your tax bill may go up slightly. In accordance with Rhode Island General Law, the City of Providence completed a statistical revaluation of all property effective Dec. 31, 2012. This occurs every three years, and your property value is subject to change. Your property's new assessment is based on its fair market value.

My tax assessment is too high!

You can file an appeal to the Tax Assessor's Office. The deadline for filing an appeal is October 25. Forms are available at www.providenceri.com/assessor

Why did the amount I am getting for the elderly/veterans, etc. exemption change?

The value of the elderly/veterans, etc. exemption has not changed. The exemptions are a flat dollar amount off the total assessment. For example, an elderly exemption is \$20,000 off of the assessed value of your property based on the new owner-occupied tax rate of \$19.25.

Why doesn't my vacant lot (side lot to my house) get the owner-occupied rate?

Vacant lots are not eligible for the owner-occupied rate, as there is no dwelling. The only way to have the owner-occupied rate applied would be to go to the Planning Department and fill out the "Lot Alteration" application and get approval to merge the lots into one.

I made a payment. Why isn't it reflected on my new tax bill?

Car tax and tangible tax payments received after June 14 are not reflected on this bill. Real Estate payments received after June 21 are not reflected on this bill.

I did not receive a new assessment notification? What is it? Where can I find it?

Vision Appraisal sent out the new assessment notices. You can also see the details on your property by visiting www.providenceri.com/assessor and clicking on the Assessor's Database.