



Florida Tax Collector

Barbara Ford-Coates – serving Sarasota County

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Dear Taxpayer, enclosed is your 2023 property tax bill which is based on values established January 1, 2023. Any change to your property value as a result of events in 2023 will be reflected on next year's bill. The Tax Collector does not decide how much to collect. Contact information for those who make that decision can be found on your bill. You will find answers to frequently asked questions below. Please read carefully to ensure that you receive any discounts and do not have to pay any penalties. If you have a question that is not answered below, or have a suggestion as to how this office can serve you better, please let me know. We **always** need to hear from our customers!

Very truly yours,

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I get a bill for each property I own?

Yes, a separate tax bill is sent for each property. If you did not receive all of your bills, contact us or print one at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com.

Where do I find exemptions, including homestead, on my bill?

If you benefited from an exemption in 2023, there are **two** places:

1. under the "Exemption" column in the "Ad Valorem Taxes" section, and
2. in the "Your Exemptions" box.

Contact the Property Appraiser with questions related to exemptions.

How do I change my mailing address?

Visit the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com to submit the correct address.

How do I add, remove, or change a name on my bill?

In most cases, a new deed is required. Deeds and other legal instruments are recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. For specific details regarding your property, contact the Property Appraiser.

Do I have to pay the bill if I sold my property?

- ⇒ For **real estate**, you do not owe the tax. You can disregard the bill.
- ⇒ For **tangible personal property**, if you were the owner on January 1, 2023, you owe the tax. If you sold the property before January 1, 2023, please contact us with the new owner's name and address.

Do I have to pay the entire bill if I purchased my property mid-year?

Usually, there is a proration between the buyer and seller at closing. On your closing documents, there may be a line item where you received credit or funds from the seller for their portion of the tax for the year. If you are unsure who is responsible to pay the tax or if you need help finding this information, contact your closing agent.

What can I do if I can't pay my taxes?

Homestead tax deferral for CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY allows Florida residents to delay paying all or part of their taxes if requirements concerning income and liens on the property are met. The deferred portion becomes a lien and interest accrues until the taxes are paid. An application is available at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com or by contacting our office. The application is due by March 31, 2024.

What do I need to know about escrowed taxes?

Escrow companies must submit their payments by November 30th.

⇒ If **your taxes are escrowed**, and your bill was requested by an escrow company, an "Account Escrowed" message will appear in the box at the upper right of your tax bill. You do not need to do anything; this notice is for your records.

⇒ If **your taxes are escrowed but an "Account Escrowed" message does NOT appear on your bill**, it may not have been requested by an escrow company and you should contact them **immediately**.

⇒ If **your taxes are not escrowed** but your bill has an "Account Escrowed" message, you can pay your taxes online or mail your payment with the bottom portion of your bill.

What is the difference between the partial payment plan and quarterly installment payment plan?

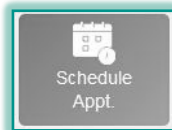
⇒ **Partial Payment Plan for CURRENT YEAR TAXES ONLY** allows you to pay your taxes in as many payments as you would like, but the entire amount must be paid in full by March 31, 2024. For details, see the "Notice of Partial Payment" form on the back side of your tax bill.

⇒ **Quarterly Installment Payment Plan for NEXT YEAR'S TAXES** allows you to pay your taxes in four payments rather than one. *Unfortunately, you cannot pay the bill you just received in quarterly installments.* Visit www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com to complete the application by April 30, 2024.

APPOINTMENTS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

SCHEDULE ONLINE

WWW.SARASOTATAXCOLLECTOR.COM



Tax Payments Accepted

In Person



Online



By Mail



24-Hour Drop Box



DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS OR RENTAL PROPERTY?



YOU MAY OWE ADDITIONAL TAXES; CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE.



- ⇒ Do you own a business which operates in Sarasota County? You are required to pay the **Business Tax** and may be required to pay the **Tangible Personal Property Tax**.
- ⇒ Do you own a rental property with a tenant staying less than one month? You are required to pay the **Business Tax** and may be required to pay the **Tangible Personal Property Tax**. If the property is available for rent for six months or less, the **Tourist Development Tax** must be collected.

If you know someone who may not be paying one of these taxes, submit an anonymous referral to our **Tax Tipline** at 941.861.8393 or www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com.

Understanding the 2023 Tax Bill

Your tax bill is a combination of ad valorem taxes collected for taxing authorities and non-ad valorem assessments collected for levying authorities. If you have a question regarding one of the charges on your bill, please contact that authority directly. If you have a question regarding your assessed value or exemptions, including the homestead exemption, contact the Property Appraiser at www.SC-PA.com, PA@SC-PA.com, or 941.861.8200. If you have questions regarding the recording of public records, including property deeds, contact the Clerk of Circuit Court at www.SarasotaClerk.com, clkinfo@SarasotaClerkandComptroller.com, or 941.861.7400.

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NOTICE OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Account #:
Unique number identifying your property.

Account #:

Message:
Special alerts about your bill.

Owner:
The owner and address according to official records.

SAMPLE CUSTOMER
123 MAIN STREET
ANY TOWN, FL 12345-6789

123 MAIN ST
LOT 1 SAMPLE COMMUNITY

Location:
Address or legal description of your property.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

AD VALOREM TAXES						
TAXING AUTHORITY	PHONE	MILLAGE RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPTION	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES LEVIED
TOTAL MILLAGE						
			TOTAL AD VALOREM TAXES			

YOUR EXEMPTIONS

Questions about exemptions?
Contact the Property Appraiser
941.861.8200 | PA@SC-PA.com

NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS			
LEVYING AUTHORITY	PHONE	RATE	AMOUNT
TOTAL NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS - Check deductibility with tax professional.			

COMBINED TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS (see below for amount to pay)

Pay one amount only (discount already deducted)			
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Amount due based on the date postmarked, paid at www.SarasotaTaxCollector.com, or placed in a drop box.

PAY ONE AMOUNT ONLY!

Checks payable to Tax Collector Barbara Ford-Coates
U.S. funds only • No postdated checks

Return Portion:
The part of the bill you tear off and return with your payment. Amount is based on the date postmarked, paid online, or placed in a 24-hour drop box.

RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Account #:
Unique number identifying your property.

Owner:
The owner and address according to official records.

Ad Valorem Taxing Authorities:
Responsible for setting millage rates. Taxes are calculated by multiplying the taxable value by the millage rate.

Your Exemptions:
Based on your eligibility. Contact the Property Appraiser with questions.

Amount Due Boxes:
Pay only one amount, based on the date you make your payment. Discounts have been deducted from the amounts shown.

Message:
Special alerts about your bill.

Refer to the back side of your bill for important information and payment instructions.