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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Tax Collector's website: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/tax>

- Q1: What if I already paid my 2017/18 property taxes on the original tax bill before my property was reassessed?**
- Either a revised bill with a reduced 2nd installment has been issued, or a refund is in progress.
- Q2: My property taxes are paid by my mortgage company, does my revised bill reflect that payment?**
- Revised tax bills reflect payments that were posted before the revised billing date. The revised billing date can be found in the Important Message box located in the upper right of your bill.
 - If your mortgage company previously paid more than the revised amount, a refund would be issued by the Tax Collector within 60 days.
 - You can check the status of your taxes from the Tax Collector's website: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/tax>.
- Q3: I mailed my tax payment based on my original tax bill, but my check has not cleared my account. Will the Tax Collector cash my check?**
- If your payment was mailed in October during the firestorms, and has not yet cleared your bank account, please contact the Tax Collector's office at (707) 565-2281.
 - Payments are posted to the bill that is in the tax system on the date the payment is transacted by the Tax Collector.
 - If the payment posting date occurs *before* the bill revision date, then the revised tax bill will reflect that payment, and either a reduced 2nd installment or a refund due.
 - If the payment posting date occurs *after* the bill revision date, then the revised bill will not reflect that payment and you can expect a refund for any installments that were overpaid.
 - You can check the status of your taxes from the Tax Collector's website here: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/tax>.
- Q4: I previously received a revised tax bill caused by a change in the Sonoma Valley Sanitation District charge. Which revised bill do I pay?**
- Pay the revised bill with the most recent billing date because it reflects the reassessed value and the correct Sonoma Valley Sanitation District charge.

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Q5: Is this the only tax bill I owe for this property?

- If you recently acquired this property, completed construction before the fires, or you own a business, vessel or aircraft, you may have outstanding supplemental taxes or personal property taxes.
- Review the status of your taxes using your FEE PARCEL NUMBER from the Tax Collector's website: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/tax>

Q6: Will property tax due dates be extended or will penalties be waived for property that is not eligible for Reassessment as a result of the fires?

- There is not a provision to extend property tax due dates or waive penalties for property that does not qualify for a Calamity Damage Reassessment. Property owners who are eligible for Calamity Reassessment and have additional properties may submit an Application for Cancellation of Penalties with the Tax Collector.

Q7: What should I do if I have delinquent property taxes and my property was destroyed by fire?

- Delinquent property taxes relate to property taxes that were incurred before the fires, therefore they will not change and must be paid. Please contact the Tax Collector's office for payment plan options.

Q8: If I have a Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) assessment and the improvements were destroyed by the fire do I have to pay the assessment?"

- Yes. You should consider paying off the SCEIP lien with proceeds from your insurance claim. Make sure your insurance company itemizes the loss of your SCEIP improvements separately, so you can account for that loss.

Q9: What happens if I applied for a State Controller Property Tax Postponement in 2017/18, but my home was destroyed by fire?

- Please contact the State Controller Property Tax Postponement office at: (800) 952-5661, or email postponement@sco.ca.gov.

Q10: What if I have a State Controller Property Tax Postponement (PTP) lien on my house that was destroyed by fire?

- Please contact the State Controller Property Tax Postponement office at: (800) 952-5661, or email postponement@sco.ca.gov.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

• **Assessed Value - Ownership - Change of Address:**

- Assessor's office (707) 565-1888 email: assessor@sonoma-county.org

• **Tax Payments - Refunds:**

- Tax Collector's office (707) 565-2281 email: taxcollector@sonoma-county.org

Pay by Phone (only): (888)-636-8418

Pay Online: <http://www.sonoma-county.org/tax>