



# CCTO NEWS

Calhoun County Treasurer's Office

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## MESSAGE FROM TREASURER

Welcome to our first Calhoun County Treasurer's Office Newsletter.

We hope that this publication can be a resource and most of all a conduit to services that will help you with the financial issues regarding your Property Taxes.

Team Treasurer, along with myself, your Calhoun County Treasurer for the past five years, is pleased and hoping you will continue to read and share new ideas with our team. It is our privilege and honor to serve you.

Don't forget these important deadline dates:

- Hardship Extension due by February 14, 2022
- Delinquent Property Taxes come over to County from Local Unit on March 1, 2022
- Forfeited Property Tax for 2020 taxes will happen on March 1st.
- Last Day to pay 2019 taxes to prevent Foreclosure will be March 31st.

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Calhoun County Treasurer

Our office will be closed from 12/23/21 to 1/2/22. Regular office hours will resume 1/3/22.

## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXTENSION

Hardship Extensions are designed to delay foreclosure deadlines by one year for owners who are actively working to catch up their delinquent property taxes. Hardship Extensions are aimed at homeowners but may be granted for businesses that are the primary source of the owner's income.

The person requesting an extension must occupy the property as a primary residence and hold title to the property, or be a legal guardian, conservator or have power of attorney over the owner/resident or represent the estate of the title holder, if deceased. In addition, the property cannot have outstanding code violations or any recorded income tax liens.

## 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 at the Calhoun County Treasurer's Office will be March 31, 2022. We can no longer extend the property tax redemption period.

### How do I prevent foreclosure?

You must pay delinquent 2019 and/or prior year taxes before March 31st.

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

Contact our office to speak with Katie or Heather about applying for a hardship extension. If you agree to the terms of a hardship extension payment plan, you can have more time to complete the payment of your 2019 taxes.

## TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Pay Taxes Online
  - [www.pay.govpros.us/mi/calhoun/taxes](http://www.pay.govpros.us/mi/calhoun/taxes)
  - 2.5% service fee for credit card transactions
  - \$3.95 service fee for debit card transactions
- Pay By Mail
  - Calhoun County Treasurer, 315 W Green Street, Marshall MI 49068
- Pay in Person
  - Cash
  - Check- Make payable to the Calhoun County Treasurer
  - Money Order
  - Debit/Credit Card
- Automatic Monthly Payments





# TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE

## Poverty Exemptions

A reduction in property taxes is possible for eligible low-income homeowners from the local assessor.

## Property Tax Deferment

Seniors and certain disabled homeowners may be eligible for a delayed payment deadline at their local city or township.

## Appeal Your Assessment

Don't agree with the valuation of your property? You can appeal in March with local assessor.

## Disabled Veterans Exemption

Qualifying disabled Veterans are entitled to an exemption from paying real property tax on their principle residence.

## Principle Residence Exemption

Qualifying homeowners can claim an exemption on their primary residence.



# 2019 PROPERTY TAX TIMELINE

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

**October 1, 2020:** A \$15 fee is added.

**March 1, 2021:** Property is forfeited to county treasurer. Minimum of \$285 in fees added. Interest increases from 1% per month to 1.5% per month, back to the date the taxes became delinquent.

**June 2021:** Foreclosure petition filed in Circuit Court and a \$10 fee is added.

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

**December 2021-January 2022:** A \$50 legal fee is added and forfeiture list is published in newspaper.

**January 2022:** Show Cause Hearing held.

**February 2022:** Judicial Foreclosure Hearing held.

**March 31, 2022:** Redemption rights expire if taxes are not paid and property ownership transfers to the Calhoun County Treasurer. Evictions can begin as early as April 1.

**Late August/September 2022:** Property sold at auction.



# Having a Community Meeting?

**WE WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART OF IT!**

Invite us to your group meetings to hear information about foreclosure prevention and payment plans!

## Help Us Assist Your Community!

- Foreclosure Prevention
- Payment Plan Options
- Property Tax Information





# HELPFUL CALHOUN COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

**Circuit Court:** 269-969-6518

**Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan:** 877-422-2726

**County Administration:** 269-781-0966

**County Clerk:** 269-781-0718

**District Court:** 269-969-6666

**Equalization:** 269-781-0745

**Friend of the Court:** 269-969-6500

**Department of Health and Human Services:** 269-966-1284

**Health Department:** 269-969-6370

**Parks and Recreation:** 269-781-0782

**Probate Court:** 269-969-6794

**Prosecutor:** 269-969-6980

**Recycling and Solid Waste:** 269-969-6395

**Road Department:** 269-781-9841

**Senior Services:** 269-781-0846

**Sheriff:** 269-969-6450

**Veterans Affairs:** 269-969-6735

**WIC- Albion:** 517-629-9434

**WIC- Battle Creek:** 269-969-6990



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