

Dear Tuscarawas County Taxpayer:

In the interest of alleviating some of the shock of semi-annual tax payments, I am offering the ***Real Estate Tax Escrow Payment Plan*** designed to provide you with a budgeting mechanism and convenience for the payment of property taxes.

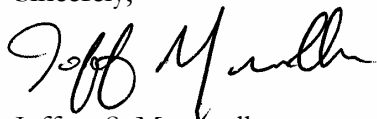
The concept of the Real Estate Tax Escrow Payment Plan began after many taxpayers contacted their county offices stating that they were finding it difficult to make the semi-annual payments.

The expressions of these concerns by many taxpayers led the Ohio County Treasurer's Association to the conclusion that Ohio needed some type of monthly installment plan.

In April 1988, the Ohio Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law, legislation that would permit the 88 counties in Ohio to offer their taxpayers an Escrow Payment Plan.

After 15 long years I am pleased to offer this service to the residents of Tuscarawas County. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



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# REAL ESTATE TAX PREPAYMENT PLAN

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**Problems paying  
your taxes?**

**Tax Escrow  
can help!**

## ***THE REAL ESTATE TAX ESCROW PAYMENT PLAN***

There are house payments to be made, utility bills that must be paid, car payments, insurance payments, credit card payments and the list goes on and on. It seems that after the bills are paid you feel as if you are finally caught up with all the payments and along comes all the taxes that are levied upon you: state and federal income tax, real property taxes and possibly personal property taxes.

The problem with these types of bills is that they are usually larger than the normal household bill and the average taxpayer finds it difficult to save over a period of time in anticipation of their arrival. Real estate taxes, for example, because of collection procedures employed by the State, come twice per year and must be paid within approximately twenty days upon receipt. The average tax bill, according to the Tuscarawas County Treasurer's Office is approximately \$600 per half year. That amount, compared to most bills, is more than many people can afford to pay at one time.

With this idea in mind, the Ohio County Treasurer's Association Legislative Committee began research into the possibility of some type of payment plan in which the burden of making these large semi-annual payments could be alleviated.

After much research and development, a bill was introduced in the Ohio Legislature which was approved in April, 1988.

The Real Estate Tax Escrow Payment Plan allows a taxpayer to make monthly payments toward their semi-annual tax bill. The payment plan offers Tuscarawas County taxpayers a convenient budgeting mechanism for payment of real property taxes.

The Escrow Program is simple. All the taxpayer must do is request to participate in the program by contacting the Treasurer's Office. When the taxpayer contacts the office, a payment plan will be worked out and the taxpayer will sign a simple agreement. The plan will be based on the regular six month figure divided into five equal monthly payments. If the plan is started in the middle of a cycle your payment amount will be divided accordingly. You will receive coupons to return with your monthly payments and the

money will be kept in an escrow account until the collection opens. The payments are then applied and your final bill will have any remaining balance then due and payable. You must make the final payment prior to the statutory due date to avoid any penalties. Your new coupons will automatically be mailed to you for the next billing cycle unless you request to be taken off the program or your account becomes delinquent.

The Escrow Plan is essentially a pre-payment plan and the only qualification is that the taxpayer not have any delinquent balances at the time of enrollment.

The Treasurer's Office also has delinquent payment plans to assist any taxpayer with delinquent problems.



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