

Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT HAS CHANGED?

N.C. General Statute 105-330 that took effect on January 1, 1993, totally changed the way property taxes are collected on registered (tagged) motor vehicles. These vehicles (cars, trucks, trailers, motorcycles, and similar property) will no longer have to be listed in January. Unregistered (untagged) motor vehicles must still be listed annually in January and will be billed with other personal property.

WHAT DO I DO?

When you receive your vehicle registration renewal card from the DMV, please make sure your address and county are correct. If the address and county are not correct, the DMV must be notified so you are taxed by the proper county and municipality.

HOW WILL I BE BILLED?

About three months after your registration renewal, you will receive a bill that is payable on the first day of the following month. For example, if you have a March renewal, you will receive your tax bill the first day of the fourth month, July 1st. The bill must be paid by July 31st to avoid the addition of interest. You will receive a separate tax bill on each registered vehicle you own.

IF I AM BILLED INCORRECTLY?

You may get a bill from a county or municipality in which you do not reside at the time of registration renewal. If this occurs, you may go to either the county that billed you or the county that should have billed you in order to correct the error. All incorrect billings should be corrected within thirty (30) days.

IF I DON'T PAY ON TIME?

If taxes are not paid on time, the Tax Collector will issue a block. If a vehicle receives a block, the registration cannot be renewed again until the taxes, plus interest, have been paid. Registration can only be renewed on a blocked vehicle, after a paid

tax receipt has been presented to DMV.

HOW DO I APPEAL?

The valuation of your motor vehicle may be appealed in the same manner as the valuation of your other personal property. The burden of proof will remain with you, the taxpayer. By statute, a valuation appeal must be initiated within thirty (30) days of the date of the tax bill.

HOW DO I PAY MY TAX BILL?

Your vehicle tax bill can be paid through mail by check or money order. You may also pay in person at the Warren County Tax Collector's Office located at 101 South Main St., Warrenton, NC.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

To insure the assessment and registration functions run smoothly, we suggest you follow these instructions:

- ⇒ Notify the DMV of any address change
- ⇒ Register your vehicle on time
- ⇒ Pay your taxes on time
- ⇒ Make sure the County you reside in appears on your registration