

*Dear Taxpayer:*

*This brochure has been designed to help answer questions you may have concerning the enclosed Real Estate Unpaid Tax Notice. If you have additional questions, please contact us at 239.533.6000 so we may assist you.*

*Sincerely,  
 Cathy Curtis  
 Lee County Tax Collector*

## Payment Options

Online <a href="http://www.leetc.com">www.leetc.com</a>	Telephone 239.533.6000	Mail	In Person
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All major credit cards accepted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All major credit cards accepted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cashier's Check</li> <li>Money Order</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cash</li> <li>Cashier's Check</li> <li>Money Order</li> <li>Debit Card</li> <li>All major credit cards accepted</li> </ul>

### Important Payment Information

- Once delinquent, the date payment is **received** by the Tax Collector's office determines the amount due. Please allow sufficient mailing time.
- Payment of delinquent taxes must be made in certified U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. Personal and business checks are not accepted.
- Credit and debit card payments will be charged a convenience fee of 2.29% on the total amount due. The fee imposed by our payment service provider is to secure all transactions and is not retained by the Lee County Tax Collector's office.
- Contact our office to obtain wire transfer instructions.
- Amount due is subject to change when a tax deed application is made or a county held certificate is sold.
- Partial payment towards the delinquent tax amount due cannot be accepted and will be returned.

### Office Hours and Locations

*Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except holiday closings)*

**Bonita Springs** 25300 Bernwood Dr.  
**Fort Myers** 2480 Thompson St.  
**North Fort Myers** 15201 N. Cleveland Ave.

**Cape Coral** 1039 S.E. 9th Ave  
**Lehigh Acres** 3114 Lee Blvd.  
**South Fort Myers** 15680 Pine Ridge Rd.

**Mailing Address**  
 P.O. Box 630  
 Fort Myers, FL 33902-0630  
**Telephone** 239.533.6000

# Understanding Your Unpaid Tax Notice

Look for corresponding numbers on the diagram.

**1. Account Number:** Use this number when contacting our office, on any correspondence, or to pay online at [www.leetc.com](http://www.leetc.com).

**2. Site Address/Legal Description:** Reflects the site address and description of the real property assessed. Changes must be reported *immediately* to the Property Appraiser, 239.533.6100, P.O. Box 1546, Fort Myers, FL 33902, or visit their Web site [www.leepa.org](http://www.leepa.org).

**3. Item ID:** Outstanding certificate(s) or account number(s). Note: The preceding two digits of a tax certificate indicates the year issued.

**4. Tax Year:** Year(s) associated with outstanding taxes.

**5. If Payment is Received In:** The amount due per **Tax Year** for the **Item ID** may be remitted if payment is **received** by the last business day in July 2011 or August 2011. A partial payment towards the amount due or tax year cannot be accepted.

**6. Message(s):** A message will appear if the account is on the Installment Payment Plan. **Due 7/30 Half Year-** Provides the amount due for the June (including 5% penalty) and September installment. **Due Half Year-** Provides the amount due for the September installment.

**7. Total Amount Due:** Represents the **Total Amount Due** for all year(s) if payment is **received** by the last business day in July 2011 or August 2011. A partial payment towards the **Total Amount Due** cannot be accepted.

**8. Owner Name & Address:** Represents the assessed owner and address on the tax roll. To change your mailing address online, visit [www.leepa.org](http://www.leepa.org) or complete the Change of Mailing Address form on the reverse side of the payment coupon.\*

*\*If this address is not correct, you must notify the Lee County Property Appraiser in writing, online at [www.leepa.org](http://www.leepa.org), or complete the Change of Mailing Address form on the reverse side of the payment coupon to ensure you receive future tax notices.*

**9. Payment Coupon:** If paying by mail, return this portion with your payment in the return envelope provided. Please do not staple or paper clip to your payment.

**10. Remit Payment:** To ensure payment remitted is applied to the correct **Tax Year(s)** place a D next to each **Item ID** included in your payment.

## POTENTIAL LOSS OF PROPERTY

The enclosed Real Estate Unpaid Tax Notice reflects the amount of outstanding taxes or tax certificates (enforceable first lien against the real estate) associated with the property. *On April 1, two (2) years after a tax certificate is issued, the certificate holder may file a Tax Deed Application on the property described in the certificate. If the taxes remain unpaid after a tax deed application is made, the property will be sold to the highest bidder.*

The diagram shows a 'REAL ESTATE UNPAID TAX NOTICE FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA'. It includes the following fields and sections:

- 1:** Account Number: 99-99-99-99999-9999
- 2:** Site Address: 123 MAIN ST, FT MYERS, FL 33901
- 3:** Item ID: 99-99-99-99999-9999
- 4:** Tax Year: 2010, 2011
- 5:** If payment is received by the last business day in: July 2011, August 2011
- 6:** Message(s): Due 7/30 Half Year, Due Half Year
- 7:** Total Amount Due: \$200.97
- 8:** Owner Name & Address: MR. JOHN SMITH, 123 MAIN ST, FT MYERS, FL 33901
- 9:** Payment Coupon
- 10:** Remit Payment

Other text on the notice includes: 'Potential Loss of Property: This notice reflects the amount due for outstanding taxes or tax certificates which are enforceable first liens against the property. On April 1, two (2) years after a tax certificate is issued, the certificate holder may file a Tax Deed Application on the property described in the certificate. If the taxes remain unpaid after a tax deed application is made, the property will be sold to the highest bidder.' and 'Keep for your records'.