

### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Section 197.222, F.S., allows a taxpayer to prepay property taxes by an installment payment method.

#### To Qualify

- 2020 taxes for each account must be more than \$100.00.

#### To Enroll

- Complete and submit the application below to the Lee County Tax Collector, PO Box 630, Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0630 **no later than April 30, 2021.**

#### To Confirm Enrollment

- The first installment notice will be mailed by June 1, 2021. Contact our office if you have not received your notice by June 15, 2021.
- Participation in the plan is confirmed when the first installment payment is received and applied by the appropriate date.
- Once the first installment payment is made, you must remain on the payment plan for the 2021 tax year.
- After enrollment, you do not need to re-apply each year.

#### To Cancel Participation

- Do not pay the June Installment and the account will be removed from the Installment Payment Plan. Your 2021 tax notice will be mailed by November 1, 2021.
- Submit a written request to the Lee County Tax Collector's office to opt out of the Installment Payment Plan.

In most cases, paying by the Installment method provides discounts similar to the 4% discount in November, however, it is not equivalent to and may change dependent on qualified exemptions and values.

**Note:** Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property taxes are delinquent April 1 each year. A tax certificate or tax warrant may be issued if your taxes are not paid. Failure to receive an installment tax notice does not extend discounts or excuse taxpayers' responsibility to pay taxes and applicable penalties for late payments.

### WHO TO CONTACT

**Tax Collector**  
239.533.6000  
[www.leetc.com](http://www.leetc.com)

- Prepares and mails tax notices (tax bills)
- Collects property tax payments based on certified rolls received from Property Appraiser and Levying Authority
- Distributes revenue to Levying Authority

**Property Appraiser**  
239.533.6100  
[www.leepa.org](http://www.leepa.org)

- Determines property values, exemptions, and late filing penalties
- Maintains assessed owner(s) name, mailing address, site address, and legal description
- Mails Notice of Proposed Property Taxes (TRIM), in August, which includes values and public hearing dates, however, non-ad valorem assessments are not included
- Certifies tax roll and corrections to Tax Collector

#### Levying Authority

- Phone number(s) located on front of tax notice
- Establish, adopt, and provide millage/assessment rate to the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector

Under Florida law, communication with our agency, including email addresses, is considered public record and may be released upon a public records request.

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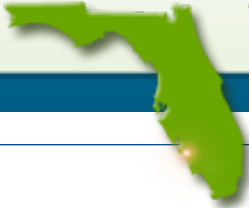
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### 2021 APPLICATION FOR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

To pay property taxes by installments, complete and return this application to our office on or before April 30. The Tax Collector will mail your first notice of payment due, with instructions. If you have not received your first notice by June 15, contact our office.

#### To be completed by property owner:

Type of Account:	Real Estate	Tangible	Account Number:
Site/Legal Description (obtain from tax notice or website):			
Owner's Name:		Phone Number:	
		Email:	
Mailing Address:		City, State, Zip:	
Signature:		Date Signed:	



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Installment Discounts**

- 6% - If paid in June
- 5% **penalty** - If paid in July
- 4½% - If paid in September
- 3% - If paid in December
- No discount if paid in March
- April 1 - Taxes are delinquent

**Installment Schedule**

- First installment - June
- Second installment - September
- Third installment - December
- Final installment - March
- April 1 - Taxes are delinquent

**Holiday Closings**

Visit our official website or contact our office for Holiday Closings.

**SERVICE CENTER HOURS AND LOCATIONS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Except holiday closings

- Bonita Springs**..... 25987 S Tamiami Trl
- Cape Coral**.....1039 SE 9th Ave
- Fort Myers**.....2480 Thompson St
- Lehigh Acres**.....3114 Lee Blvd
- North Fort Myers**.....15201 N Cleveland Ave
- South Fort Myers**.....15680 Pine Ridge Rd

**LIMITED SERVICE LOCATION**

Colonial Service Center temporarily closed

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 630  
 Fort Myers FL 33902-0630

**INSTALLMENT SCHEDULE**

**June**

**First Installment:**

One-quarter of the total estimated taxes and assessments based on the previous tax year.

**Discount:** 6% for payments applied or postmarked by June 30.

**Late Payment:** Accepted if received by July 31, however, a 5% penalty is included and results in loss of discount.

**December**

**Third Installment:**

One-quarter of the total estimated taxes and assessments based on the previous tax year plus one-half of any adjusted tax amount.

**Discount:** 3% for payments applied or postmarked by December 31.

**Late Payment:** Added to the next installment due and results in the loss of discount.

**September**

**Second Installment:**

One-quarter of the total estimated taxes and assessments based on the previous tax year.

**Discount:** 4½% for payments applied or postmarked by September 30.

**Late Payment:** Added to the next installment due and results in the loss of discount.

**March**

**Fourth Installment:**

One-quarter of the total estimated taxes and assessments based on the previous tax year plus one-half of any adjusted tax amount.

**Discount:** No discount. Payment must be applied or postmarked by March 31.

**Late Payment:** Unpaid installments are delinquent April 1.

***Note:** If the June Installment payment is not received and applied by July 31, the account is removed from the plan. A tax notice for the full amount due will be mailed by November 1. Once removed, a new application is required to go back on the Installment Payment Plan.*

**COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION TO LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR**

**KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR  
 PO BOX 630  
 FT MYERS FL 33902