

Important Information and Dates for Skowhegan Taxpayers

Tax bills are sent to the person who owned the property as of April 1st. If you sold your property after April 1st, please forward this bill to the new owner. Your tax bill is payable in two installments...the first payment is due by September 15th or 30 days after tax commitment...the second payment is due by March 15th. There is also a tax club option, that can split your primary residence tax bill into eight equal installments. Contact the Clerk's Office, by the first installment due date, to sign up.

Stay Informed: The Town of Skowhegan website has a Notify Me function. Stay up to date on meetings, events, bid postings and more. Visit www.skowhegan.org to sign up. Selectmen's Meetings and Planning Board Meetings can also be viewed on our Facebook page.

Tax Stabilization: Residents 65 or over, who have owned and lived in a home in Maine for at least ten years, can apply to have their taxes held at their current level. Applications must be received by December 1st each year.

Homestead Exemption: Residents who reside at a property that they have owned for at least one year, can apply for the Homestead Exemption. This exempts \$25,000.00 of the assessed property value from taxation. If you are eligible for this exemption, and have not applied for it, please do so. Exemptions applied for after April 1st will not take effect until the following tax year.

Dog Licenses: All dogs, at least six months of age, are required to be licensed in the municipality where they are kept, within ten days of ownership (State Law). All dog licenses expire on December 31st of each year. Dog licenses for the upcoming year are available beginning on October 15th each year. Late fees begin February 1st each year.

Building Permits/Plumbing Permits: Starting a project? Not sure if it requires a permit? Call the Code Enforcement Office @ 207-474-6904. Remember, completed projects need an occupancy permit before the building can be occupied.

Vacant/Abandoned Buildings: The Property Maintenance Ordinance requires property owners to register vacant/abandoned properties with the Code Enforcement Office.

Transfer Station Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. From April 1st through September 30th hours extended on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:45 p.m. Must have a current Transfer Station Permit Sticker attached to the vehicle in order to use the facility. Remember...Recycle, Recycle, Recycle...it saves taxpayer money.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: 1st Saturday in October each year. Batteries, fuel, paint, cleaners, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, etc. Must register in order to drop off your items. Call 207-474-6904.

Brush & Leaf Pickup: Fall pickup begins the 3rd week of October until snow. Spring pickup begins April 1st and continues through the 3rd week of May. Brush and leaf pickup occurs on streets that have curbing and storm drain systems only. Brush and leaves should be free of debris and animal feces. FMI the Brush and Leaf Pick-Up Policy is on our website. Property owners can also bring their own brush and leaves to the Transfer Station to be composted year-round.

Registrations: In order to complete a re-registration for a snowmobile, ATV or boat, you must have the previous year's registration. This is a State of Maine requirement.

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballots can be requested 90 days prior to any election. Call 207-474-6906.