

TOWN OF COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ – INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. If you have **SOLD THE PROPERTY** described on this notice, please send this notice to the new owners or return it to the tax collector’s office immediately.
2. Please **VERIFY THE DESCRIPTION** of the property. If any errors in the description are found, notify the assessor’s office as soon as possible. This notice covers taxes for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31, of the year indicated on the front.
3. **THE SENDING OF THIS BILL IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW.** The validity of the tax and any subsequent charges for interest, cost or expenses are in no way dependent upon its receipt.

TAX PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

TAXES DUE:

Coventry taxes are due and payable in full, August 15; Current year only has a grace period to October 1st. Taxes may be paid quarterly without penalty as follows:

1st Quarter due on or before August 15 (Grace period to October 1st**) 3rd Quarter due on or before February 15th
2nd Quarter due on or before November 15th 4th Quarter due on or before May 15th

****If paying October 1st, note the Town Hall is not open on Saturday & Drop Box will be considered paid Oct 3rd. To avoid interest have payment postmarked October 1st or use the charge card option.**

PENALTY:

Payments must be received in the Tax Collector’s Office on or before the due date. **Late payments, even those ONE-day late, shall bear interest at a rate of 1.5% per month on the entire unpaid balance, not quarterly amount, reverting back to September 30th.**

Payments made through the U.S. Postal Service must bear postmark date no later than the last date of each respective installment period. **Once a quarterly payment is late, the bill may be called due in full.** **** If you are unable to make full quarterly payments, we encourage partial payments to lower any interest fees and also decrease the chances of your bill being called due in full.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

TAXPAYERS WHO ESCROW MUST FORWARD THIS BILL TO THEIR MORTGAGE COMPANY. THIS IS THE ONLY BILL BEING MAILED.

Make checks payable to: COVENTRY TAX COLLECTOR

Make payment by mail: Coventry Town Hall, Tax Collector’s Office, 1670 Flat River Rd; Coventry, RI 02816. Detach the appropriate numbered stub on the bottom and enclose with check.

Pay at the Coventry Town Hall: Tax Collector’s Office will accept cash, check, and charge card (see information regarding charge cards below)

Drop Box at Entrance of Town Hall; No Cash. Payments placed in box **AFTER WORKING HOURS** are considered paid the **NEXT BUSINESS DAY**

You can also pay in person at the Collector’s Office or by Internet: With VISA or MC @ [//tax.vgsi.com/etax](http://tax.vgsi.com/etax)

****NOTE**** the charge card company adds a **3% fee** for this service of which the Town receives none.

You will be informed of the total fee prior to acceptance of transaction.



CASH, MONEY ORDERS OR CERTIFIED CHECKS are required for payment on the following accounts:

PROPERTY LISTED FOR TAX SALE, REGISTRATION RELEASES, AND CHECKS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

ANY CHECK RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL RECEIVE A \$30.00 SERVICE CHARGE (Subject to change if Bank changes fees charged to Town.)

CONTACT INFORMATION: Questions regarding property assessments, exemptions, owner’s name and address should be directed to the

TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE. The telephone number is (401) 822-9162.

Questions regarding the mailing or collection of the tax bill should be directed to the **TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE.** The telephone number is (401) 822-9167.

TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

TOWN OF COVENTRY EXEMPTIONS ARE ONLY FOR RESIDENTS

SENIOR (over 65 years old) OR 100% DISABLED - 5 YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT - \$8,000 EXEMPTION/TAX FREEZE/INCOME BASED EXEMPTION	
QUALIFIED VETERAN OR UNMARRIED WIDOW OF A QUALIFIED VETERAN	\$9,000
TOTAL SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERAN	\$1,000
TOTAL SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERAN WHO LIVES IN SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING.....	\$10,000
PRISONERS OF WAR.....	\$15,000
GOLD STAR PARENTS (ONE ONLY).....	\$3,000
ACTIVE MEMBER OF US ARMED FORCES	\$1,000
CERTIFIED BLIND RESIDENT.....	\$6,000
RHODE ISLAND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (RIGL §44-33) - ADMINISTERED BY STATE OF RI DIVISION OF TAXATION - PLEASE USE FORM RI-1040H	
Further details and all applications are available at the Assessor’s office and on the Assessor’s webpage: www.coventryri.org/tax-assessor	

VALUE APPEAL PROCEDURE

REAL ESTATE - RIGL § 44-5-26

Appeals of assessment shall be on application and must be received by the Assessor’s office within 90 days from the 1st quarter payment due date.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FILING OF AN APPEAL DOES NOT EXCUSE NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES****

Payments should be made based on the bill received. If an appeal is granted, any necessary adjustments will be made to the account.

NO APPEALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE

