

The Taxpayers Guide to Brooklyn Taxes

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2023-2024 Edition

2023-2024 Mill Rate: 28.60

Hours: Monday-Wednesday: 8:00am-5:00pm ☞ Thursday: 8:00am-6:00pm ☞ Friday: Closed

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- If you have an escrow account and your bank did not request your bill, please forward the bill to the bank without delay.
- Your real estate bill comes in five sections. One section is to be mailed with each of your four quarterly payments and one for your records. Notices will not be sent each quarter so MARK YOUR CALENDARS for due dates (JULY 1st, OCTOBER 1st, JANUARY 1st and, APRIL 1st).
- Penalties for late payments will be assessed as required by the Connecticut General Statutes at a rate of 1.5% per month from due date. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.



BROOKLYN'S 2023-2024 BUDGET

Brooklyn's budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 totals \$27,522,112.00 and the mill rate has been set at 28.60 mills as approved at the 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Approximately 75% of the budget will support the operations of our school system; the rest will support a myriad of general government functions such as public safety, public works, human services, library, recreation and others.

STATE AID INFORMATION

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget for the Town of Brooklyn estimates that \$7,570,826 will be received from the State of Connecticut for various State-financed programs. Without this assistance, your 2023-2024 property taxes would be 34.44 mills instead of 28.60 mills. (The foregoing statement is required by CT General Statutes 12-130.)

EAST BROOKLYN FIRE DISTRICT

2023-2024 East Brooklyn Fire Tax Mill Rate: 1.75

The Tax Collector's office is now collecting the East Brooklyn Fire District tax bills. The Fire Tax is due in FULL between July 1, 2023 to August 1, 2023.

TAX CALENDAR

When its Due	What is Due
July 1 – August 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motor Vehicle(s) in full• Fire Tax Bill(s) in full• 1st Real Estate payment (or the full amount if under \$50.00)• 1st Personal Property payment (or the full amount if under \$50.00)
October 1 – November 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Real Estate payment• 2nd Personal Property payment• 1st Sewer payment (the sewer installment was delayed)
January 1 – February 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplement Motor Vehicle(s) in full• 2nd Sewer payment• 3rd Real Estate payment• 3rd Personal Property payment
April 1 –May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th Real Estate payment• 4th Personal Property payment

COMMON QUESTIONS

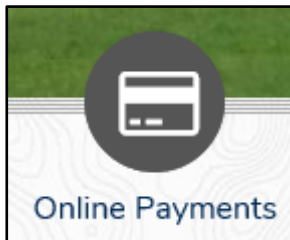
Q: When are my taxes due?

A: The payments of ALL Motor Vehicle taxes are due in FULL on July 1, 2023. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes of over \$50 are due in four (4) equal installments, which are payable on: July 1, 2023, October 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, and April 1, 2024. Real Estate and Personal Property taxes of under \$50 are due in FULL in July 1, 2023. Sewer is paid in two (2) installments: July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024. East Brooklyn Fire Tax is due in FULL on July 1, 2023. See calendar above.

You have one month from the due date to pay without penalty.

Q: What is the best way to make payments?

- Checks should be made payable to "Tax Collector - Town of Brooklyn" and mailed to PO Box 253 Brooklyn, CT 06234. If you require a receipt, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your payment.
- You can pay by Credit/Debit Card with a 2.50% charge, unless you use a Visa Debit card then



it is a flat fee of \$3.95 or an e-check for a flat fee of \$2. Also for your convenience, you can pay online; just go to the Town of Brooklyn's Web Site, www.brooklynct.org, click on "Online Payments." Type in your last name space first initial to search for your tax bills. Ex.: Smith J

- If you pay with a Visa Debit card, there is a set fee of \$3.95, with this card only. You must choose "Debit Card" in the Pay Method drop down menu for this to apply.
- Tax payments can also be made in person at the Tax Office located in the Brooklyn Town Hall. Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Wednesday and 8 am to 6 pm on Thursday. The Town Hall is closed on FRIDAYS.
- There is also a drop box attached to the Town Hall that you can place payments made by check only.

Q: How can I find out what I have paid in the last year for my income taxes?

A: Go to the Town of Brooklyn's Web Site, www.brooklynct.org, scroll down until you see three yellow boxes, click on the one that is labeled, "Online Payments," and click on the link. The link will bring you to a search screen. Type in your last name space first initial (example: Doe J), click on "IRS Payment Records for Year", and then click Search. Once your tax bills appear, click on the IRS box

and the corresponding boxes for the bills that you want to view how much you paid. Once you click “View IRS,” what you paid for that Income Tax Year will be shown. You can print the page by going to File, Print on your internet browser.

Q: What if I did not receive a tax bill for property that I own?

A: Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-130 states that failure to receive a bill shall not invalidate the tax. If you have not received a bill for property you own, please contact the Tax Collector’s office.

Q: What if I receive a bill for property I no longer own?

A: Please notify the Tax Collector’s office immediately if you receive a bill for property that has been transferred to another owner. Your tax liability is calculated by multiplying the assessed value of your property as of October 1, 2022 by the current mill rate of 28.60. Questions regarding assessments should be addressed to the Assessor's office at 860-779-3411, option 6.

Q: What happens if my taxes become delinquent?

A: Interest of 1.5% per month will be assessed on delinquent accounts (as required by the CT General Statutes). The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Furthermore, we are required to report delinquent motor vehicle accounts to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Registrations will not be processed until all delinquent taxes are paid in full.

Q: How do I get released from DMV?

A: All motor vehicle bills linked with your name must be paid in full. **Please note** that if you are paying with a check, we hold checks for 10 days after payment before releasing you from DMV. There are no holds on payments made with a credit/debit card or cash. **Please note** that if you pay online with a card and need to be released, please contact the Tax Office for a release. If you do not, it will be released with DMV in 10 days.

Q: I moved out of Connecticut, what do I need to do?

A: Once you have registered your vehicle in the correct state, make sure to cancel your Connecticut registration, which can be done online. Mail, email, or fax a copy of your new registration to the Assessor’s office along with the Connecticut plate receipt. Please include contact information in case the Assessor’s office has any questions.

Q: What if I am billed for a motor vehicle that I no longer own?

A: You will be billed in July 2023 for vehicles you owned on October 1, 2022. In order for us to adjust or delete a bill, sufficient proof must be given to the **Assessor's office** so that they may satisfy the requirements of local and state auditors. All forms of proof must specifically identify the vehicle in question by make, year and identification number. The Assessor's office number is 860-779-3411, option 6.

The following forms of proof are needed:

- A receipt for plates returned to the DMV.

And one of the following:

- A statement from your insurance company stating when and why the policy was cancelled.
- A statement from a car dealership showing the date they purchased the vehicle.
- A copy of the larceny report stating the car was stolen and not recovered.
- A copy of your validated registration from the state in which you now reside.
- A copy of the bill of sale.

If you have any other questions, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 860-779-3411, option 5.