



Tax Department
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2012 INTERIM TAX BILLS

Your 2012 Interim Tax Bill is based on 50% of your previous year's taxes. **If you have more than one tax class on your property, please be advised that you will only receive one bill this year with all classes being shown separately.**

WHEN DO I PAY?

The 2012 interim tax bill is due in two installments:

1st Installment 2nd Installment
 March 1st May 1st

WHAT IF I PAY LATE?

Penalty and/or interest is calculated on the overdue tax balance on the first day of each month at a rate of 1.25% until paid. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from the responsibility for payment nor relieve the liability of penalty for late payment. The Tax Collector has no authority to waive or alter penalty and/or interest for any reason. *Payment must be received on or before the due date to avoid late payment charges. The County does not accept the postmark as proof of the date of receipt.*

HOW DO I PAY?

- **By Mail** – Cheques made payable to the “County of Brant” can be mailed to Box 249, Burford, ON N0E 1A0. Be sure to include the installment stub with your payment to ensure proper credit to your account.
- **In Person** – You can make your payments in person at the Tax Department at 26 Park Avenue, Burford, or at one of the Customer Service Offices in Onondaga, Oakland, St. George, and Paris between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please note that Onondaga Office is open on Monday and Tuesday and the Oakland Office is open on Thursday and Friday. **All offices will be open on installment due dates.**
- **On-Line Banking** – Internet and telephone banking is available through your own bank. Enter payee as **Brant County Taxes**. You will need your 19 digit roll number.
- **Debit machines** - are available at the Burford, Paris and St. George offices.
- **Mortgage Company** – If your mortgage company is responsible for paying your taxes, please forward this bill to them as soon as possible to ensure payment before the due date.
- **Post-dated Cheques** – We encourage you to consider using post-dated cheques for payment. Please include the installment stub when sending your post-dated cheques.

NOTE: Do not make over the counter payments at BANKS. The banks are NOT AUTHORIZED to accept these payments. Credit card payments are not accepted for taxes.

Please write your property roll number (s) on all cheques

Please safe-guard your bills and receipts. There is a \$6.00 fee for a duplicate tax bill or written receipt. For income tax purposes, normally only the amount is required on the Ontario Tax Credit schedule. You would not have to send a copy of your Tax Bill or a receipt unless specifically requested.

2010-2014 BRANT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

	<u>Mayor Ron Eddy</u>		<u>442-2040</u>	
Ward 1 Councillors	Steve Schmitt	519 448-1759	John Wheat	519 448-1648
Ward 2 Councillors	Don Cardy	519 442-6665	Shirley Simons	519 442-3550
Ward 3 Councillors	Cliff Atfield	519 442-6041	Murray Powell	519 442-3863
Ward 4 Councillors	Robert Chambers	519 449-2633	David Miller	519 449-1240
Ward 5 Councillors	Brian Coleman	519 753-2798	Joan Gatward	519 446-0060

Brant County Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Council Chambers, 7 Broadway Street West, Paris. Council and Standing Committee agendas and minutes are available on the County's website at www.brant.ca.

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS

The County offers two types of tax pre-authorized payment plans, which allow your tax payments to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on pre-determined dates.

◆ 11 Month Payment Plan ◆ Due Date Payment Plan

- Monthly payments are either on the 1st or 15th of each month.
- \$5.00 administration fee will apply each time when switching between payment plans.
- The 11 month payment plan begins in January and continues monthly through to November. No payments are necessary for December. The first monthly payments are calculated based on the previous year's taxes. The final payments are calculated on the final amount due. You are notified by mail of your monthly payment amount on your final tax bill. Plans started through the year are pro-rated.
- The due date plan withdraws the installment amount on the regular tax due dates.

Benefits of Pre-authorized Payment Plans

- ◆ No cheques to write ◆ No postage to pay ◆ Cheques no longer delayed
- ◆ No missed payments ◆ Eliminate late payment charges in the mail or at the bank

To Join

1. Complete the “Pre-authorization Form” at the bottom of the page.
2. Attach a **void cheque** to your completed application form and mail to the Tax Office P.O. Box 249 Burford, ON. N0E 1A0.

Yes, please enroll me in the: First day of month Fifteenth day of month Due Date Payment Plan

Roll No.: _____ Start Date: _____

Property Address: _____

Owner(s): _____

Signature (s): _____

Date: _____ Telephone (Day): _____

Note: Return the completed application, along with a “void” cheque.

FOR THE POOL

PLEDGE

To receive a Tax receipt

(please print)

NAME:

THE COUNTY OF BRANT

\$ _____

**IS WORKING TOWARD RE-
OPENING ITS POOL IN PARIS THIS
SUMMER**

\$ _____

DONATION

ADDRESS:

**HELP US GET READY!
THANKS SO MUCH!
-THE POOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Donations (cash, cheque, or Interac) may be made at

- any County of Brant office
- Brant Sports Complex
- Ez-Reg On Line Donations
- Or mailed to: County of Brant office
66 Grand River St. N., Paris Ontario
N3L 2M2

**FOR MORE INFO CALL THECLA
519 774 2050**

Cheques payable to County of Brant (Pool Fund)

EMERGENCY PLANNING are you Prepared?

Do you know the 3 steps?

Prepare an Emergency Kit – It doesn't take long to make one – find out what you need to go in one.

Make a Plan – Know what you and your family should do in case of an emergency.

Know the hazards in your region – What are the local hazards in your region?

For more information ask at your local library or look at these websites:

<http://www.brant.ca/ourcounty/emergencyplanning.shtml>

http://www.getprepared.ca/risks/on_e.asp

SMOKE ALARMS: ZERO TOLERANCE!

The Ontario Fire Code requires that working smoke alarms shall be installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the dwelling unit, and on every storey of the dwelling unit. The County of Brant Fire Department has adopted a **zero tolerance** approach where homeowners may be subject to Provincial Offence fines of \$235. and landlords will be charged under the provisions of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. The penalties for non-compliance range from a \$235. fine to a maximum fine of \$50,000., or a year in jail, or both.

OPEN AIR BURNING BY-LAW

The County of Brant enacted a by-law to regulate open air burning throughout the municipality. Information regarding specified clearances to combustibles, safety requirements and conditions for approval are available on the Fire Department web page. Permits are required for industrial, commercial and agricultural open air burns. Failure to notify the fire service prior to burning may result in fines of \$125

IF fire trucks respond to your location when no notification or approval for open air burning has been granted, fees of \$410. per truck per hour may be invoiced.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain permission to burn, please contact the County of Brant Fire Department, 61 Dundas St E., Paris ON at 519 442-4500 or toll free 1-866-847-5416.

GROW GREEN TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Working in partnership with the Rural Water Quality Program and the Conservation Authorities, the County of Brant's Grow Green Tree Planting Program will subsidize 50% of the costs to purchase and plant trees along waterways, on steep slopes, erodible or fragile lands, groundwater recharge areas or land not suitable for agricultural production, provided that at least one-half acre of trees is planted. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Jayne Carman, Clerk, at 519-449-2451 (toll free: 1-888-250-2295) or by e-mail at jayne.carman@brant.ca.

PARKING BY-LAW 164-01

In addition to posted restrictions, parking for more than 24 hours on any County road is prohibited. Your co-operation in removing vehicles from the street during snow events is appreciated.

SNOW REMOVAL – SIDEWALKS BY-LAW 243-00

Every owner/occupant is required to clear snow from sidewalks abutting their property. Failure to do so can result in the County clearing at the owner's expense. Depositing snow on sidewalks and highways is prohibited.

OUTDATED ELECTRONICS? OLD PAINT? RECYCLE THEM!

You already recycle in your Blue Box – and that's great. But did you know that there are other recycling programs out there?

For your unwanted and outdated electronics visit www.recycleyourelectronics.ca and learn how to recycle these items.

To find out how to dispose of household products that require special care when they've reached the end of their useful lives – also known as Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste -- please visit www.makethedrop.ca.



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