

READING TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAXES:

The Reading Township Summer Tax Bills were mailed on July 3, 2006. If you haven't received your Summer Tax Bill yet please call the Reading Township Treasurer, Judy Wheeler at 517/283-2135. These Summer Bills are Due September 14, 2006.

DEFERMENT OF THIS DUE DATE:

Under MCL 211.51, property taxpayers may defer until February 15, without penalty or interest, the due date of their summer taxes on their homestead, if their household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed \$37,500 and they are:

1. 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who is 62 years of age or older at the time of death;
2. A paraplegic or quadriplegic;
3. An eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or their eligible widow or widower;
4. A blind person; or
5. A totally and permanently disabled person.

Property that is classified or used as agricultural property may qualify if the gross receipts of the farming operation are not less than the household income of the owner.

Persons applying for a deferral must certify that they qualify for the deferment on a form available through my office in order to receive the deferral. The form must be completed each year in order to have taxes deferred without penalty in any given year. The form must be filed with my office by September 14 to receive the deferral..

COUNTY PROPERTY TAX SHIFT:

A year ago there was a change in the property tax collection process, which impacted last year's bill, this year's bill and all future property tax bills. Public Acts 356 and 357 of 2004, require all county allocated operating millage to be shifted from the winter tax bill to the summer tax bill over a three-year period. One-third of this millage was moved to last July's 2005 property tax bill, another third with this July's 2006 property tax bill and the remainder in July 2007.

Because of this, you should notice another increase in the amount of millage to be paid on this July 2006 property tax bill, with a corresponding decrease on the December 2006 tax bill. This July 2006 County operating millage amount should be approximately two times the amount itemized on your July 2005 tax bill as "County Allocated Operating".