

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

Motor vehicle tax bills cover motor vehicles registered prior to October 1st. **If you disposed of your vehicle and did not transfer the plate to a replacement vehicle, you may be entitled to a tax credit.**

If you moved out of Newtown to another town in Connecticut after October 1st, the tax bill will still be due in Newtown for that entire Grand List year. Motor Vehicle taxes can only be prorated if you move out of state by providing the Assessor's office with a copy of your new registration and the canceled Connecticut plate receipt.

If you transferred your plates to a new vehicle, you are not entitled to an adjustment, unless the old vehicle is leased. In essence, the adjustment follows the license plate. The original bill for the old vehicle should be paid. A supplemental list will generate a bill for the new vehicle with a credit (exemption) for the period that the old vehicle was no longer owned.

CT Department of Motor Vehicles does not inform towns when plates are returned nor when vehicles are sold, registered out of state or otherwise disposed of. **It is the taxpayer's responsibility to provide the required documentation within the time limits as provided under applicable CT law.**

Copies of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt may be requested by visiting www.ct.gov/dmv or by calling (800) 842-8222 (in state) or (860) 263-5700 (out of state).

PLEASE NOTE THAT VEHICLES WHICH YOU STILL OWN & ARE NO LONGER REGISTERED, ARE TAXABLE AS NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES & MUST BE DECLARED AS PERSONAL PROPERTY ANNUALLY.

REQUIRED FORMS OF PROOF FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ADJUSTMENTS

If an error exists in your ownership time period of a motor vehicle, you may provide proof of your claim to the Assessor's Office according to the situations listed below.

Please note: a CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of license plate does not show that you have disposed of the vehicle. Therefore a 2nd form of proof is required to support an adjustment.

Any documentation provided:

1. Must be the original
2. Must be clearly dated
3. Must be signed (when necessary)
4. Must be legible
5. Must show vehicle identification number, year, make and model

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN SOLD:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED**, **PLUS any one of the following items:**
2. A copy of the bill of sale with the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle as well as buyer's signature. **No handwritten bills of sale will be accepted.**
3. A copy of the new owner's registration or the new owner's title with the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.
4. A copy of your title showing transfer.
5. A letter from your insurance agent or company stating the date the insurance was cancelled, the reason for cancellation and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN TOTALED:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED**, **PLUS any one of the following items:**
2. A letter from your insurance agent or company stating that the vehicle was totaled, the date of the accident and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.
3. Dated receipt from junk dealer to whom the vehicle was sold and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN REGISTERED OUT OF STATE:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED**, **PLUS**
2. A copy of the original out of state registration OR title from the new state showing the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle is **REQUIRED**

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN STOLEN:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED** **PLUS any one of the following items:**
2. A statement from your insurance agent or company stating that vehicle was stolen and not recovered, date

of theft and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

3. A copy of report from the Police Department which must state that the vehicle was stolen and never recovered, with the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN TAXED IN THE WRONG TOWN:

1. Proof of residency prior to October 1 in form of either: Residential Deed, Lease Agreement **OR** Voter ID Card
PLUS any one of the following items:
2. Proof of payment to correct tax town for same vehicle.
3. Written correction from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN REPOSSESSED:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED** **PLUS any one of the following items:**
2. Letter from the finance company stating the date vehicle was taken and that it was not redeemed by you and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.
3. Copy of bill of sale or auction papers that shows the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle and date of sale.

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN DONATED:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED**
2. **PLUS any one of the following items:**
3. Letter from charitable organization stating that the vehicle was donated, the date of the donation and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

IF YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN JUNKED:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of plate receipt is **REQUIRED**
2. **PLUS any one of the following items:**
3. Letter from charitable organization stating that the vehicle was donated, the date of the donation and the year, make, model & Vehicle Identification # of the vehicle.

CLAIMED EXEMPT DUE TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Out of state resident based in CT must file Soldiers & Sailors Civil Relief Act form annually with the Assessor's Office. Residents of CT based out of state must file Active Duty form *annually* with the Assessor's Office. These must be filed by December 31st of the year the taxes are due. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office or online.

Supplemental Motor Vehicles

Supplemental motor vehicles are vehicles, which were newly registered subsequent to October 1st and prior to August 1st. Motor vehicle taxes are prorated from the month registered through September at the following percentages of assessed value:

October	100.0%
November	91.7%
December	83.3%
January	75.0%
February	66.7%
March	58.3%
April	50.0%
May	41.7%
June	33.3%
July	25.0%

The same forms of proof are required for any adjustments to supplemental motor vehicle list bills.

Forward the appropriate 2 forms of proof to:

Newtown Municipal Center
c/o Assessor's Office
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470
Phone: (203) 270-4240
Fax: (203) 270-4243

DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF PROOF FOR ADJUSTMENT

The proof for adjustments ("prorates") of motor vehicle regular list must be presented within 27 months of the assessment date. Example: the owner of a vehicle with a bill with an assessment date of October 1, 2020 has until December 31, 2022 to present all proofs of disposal.

Taxpayer failure to provide all forms of proof for adjustment within the 27 months of the assessment date forfeits the right to an adjustment of the bill by CT law (12-71c.)

Assessment date	Deadline for presentation of proof for adjustment
Oct. 1, 2018	Dec. 31, 2020
Oct. 1, 2019	Dec. 31, 2021
Oct. 1, 2020	Dec. 31, 2022
Oct. 1, 2021	Dec. 31, 2023
Oct. 1, 2022	Dec. 31, 2024

TAX COLLECTOR PAYMENT INFORMATION

Motor vehicle tax bills are due July 1st. Payments made after August 1st will be charged interest at a rate of 1.5% a month (going back to the original due date of July 1st) or a minimum charge of \$2.00.

Please make checks payable to: Tax Collector of Newtown. Send your payment to Tax Collector of Newtown, P.O. Box 5, Newtown, CT 06470. If a receipt is needed, send a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment and bill. The office is opened daily from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Payments can also be taken at Newtown Savings Bank (Main St. and Sand hill branches).

Town of Newtown Collection and Assessment Brochure

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