2026 Summer Property Tax Due by September 14, 2026

Pay via Mail, Dropbox, or In Person

- **Mail** your tax payment via the United States Postal Service with a **postmark date** no later than **September 14, 2026**.

  Refer to the new USPS postmark guidelines effective December 24, 2025, to avoid a late fee. The new guidelines are listed at the end of this document.

- **Drop** your tax payment in the Arlington Township **Dropbox Receptacle (black metal box)** located **outside the office main doors** on the right side of the entrance no later than **5pm on September 14, 2026**.

  Arlington Township Office Address: 52022 34th Avenue, Bangor, MI

- **In Person**, it is **best to contact Jeff Douglas**, the Treasurer, **ahead of time** by calling 269-427-7300, extension 103, to make sure he will be available to receive your payment at the Township office.

  Jeff and his deputy, Jill Sanborn, are the **only officials who can accept your payment** and **provide you with a receipt** when paying in person.

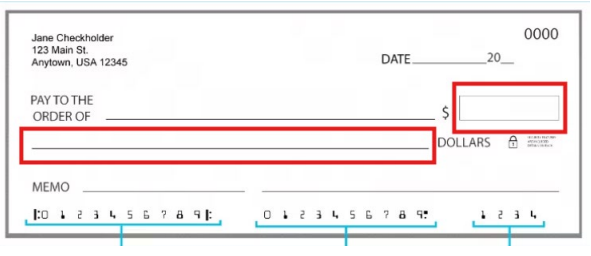
  If Jeff or Jill are **not in the office** when you pay in person, **you will be asked to use the Dropbox Receptacle**, outside the Township office, to submit your payment. Jeff and Jill are the only two officials who can handle property tax payments.

  Jeff and Jill **will be available on September 14, 2026, from 9am to 5pm**, to accept your payment in person prior to the due date deadline.

Form of Payment

- Paying by **check** is preferable; however, **money orders** and **cashier's checks** are also acceptable.

  When paying by check, make sure the **payment amount** (written in numbers) **matches the amount** (written in words).



  Make payment to the order of "**Arlington Township**".

  Return the **voucher portion** (lower portion) of your property tax statement **with your payment**.

- If paying with **cash**, you must **pay in person** at the Arlington Township office with the exact amount due (we do not keep change on hand).

  Refer to the above noted **treasurer's availability to pay in person.**

- We DO NOT accept **credit** nor **debit cards**.

Receipt of Payment

- **Payment by Mail or Dropbox** – If you provide a **self-addressed stamped envelope with** your tax **payment,** we will **mail you a receipt**. – OR –

  If you **provide your email address** (write it on your return voucher with payment), we will **email you a receipt**. – OR –

  You may print a receipt from the Property Tax website (BS&A Online). Directions for this are provided below under Property Tax Information on the Web.

- **Payment in Person** – The treasurer or deputy treasurer will provide you with a receipt when you pay in person.

Delinquent Payment

- Summer property tax payments that are **not**:
  - **Postmarked**, OR
  - **Paid in person**, OR
  - **Dropped in the Dropbox Receptacle (black metal box)**

  by 5pm on September 14th are considered late. A 1% interest charge will be incurred after 5pm on September 14th with an additional 1% added on the first day of each month until February 28, 2027.

- **Starting March 2, 2027**, property tax payments **can no longer be collected by the Township Treasurer** and **must be paid** to the **Treasurer at Van Buren County** (219 E. Paw Paw Street, Suite 101, Paw Paw, MI 49079).

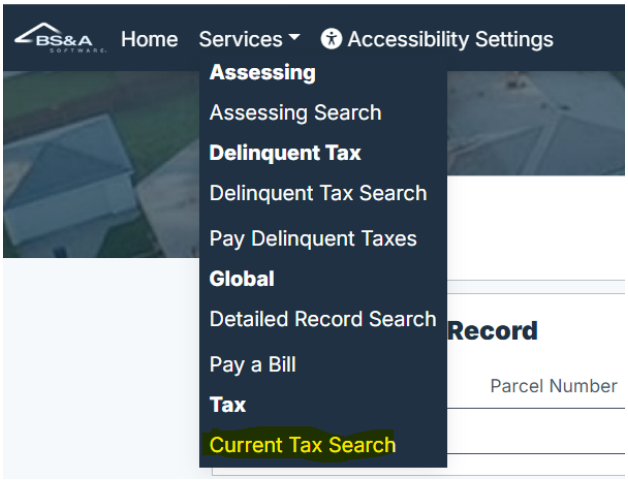
- **Tax payments received** after **5pm each day** will be considered **received on the following business day**.

Property Tax Information on the Web

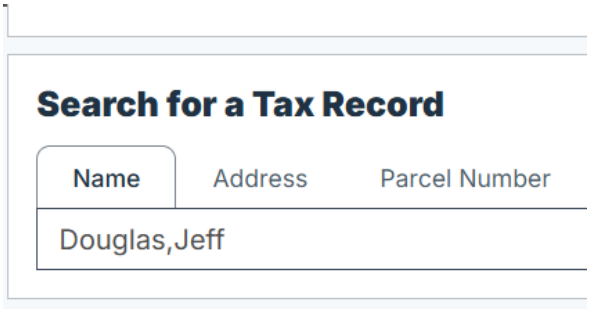
Tax information is public and **can be found on the** following **website** (**click on the underscored link below**):

Home | Van Buren County | BS&A Online

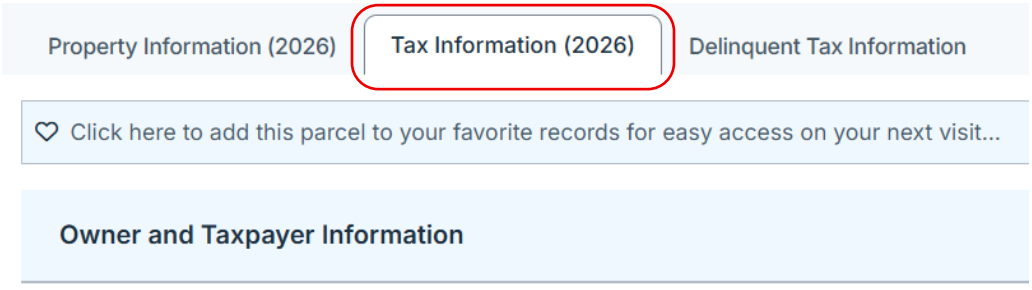
- You can use this website to check on the **status of your tax payment** which includes **printing** out **your tax bill and tax receipt**.



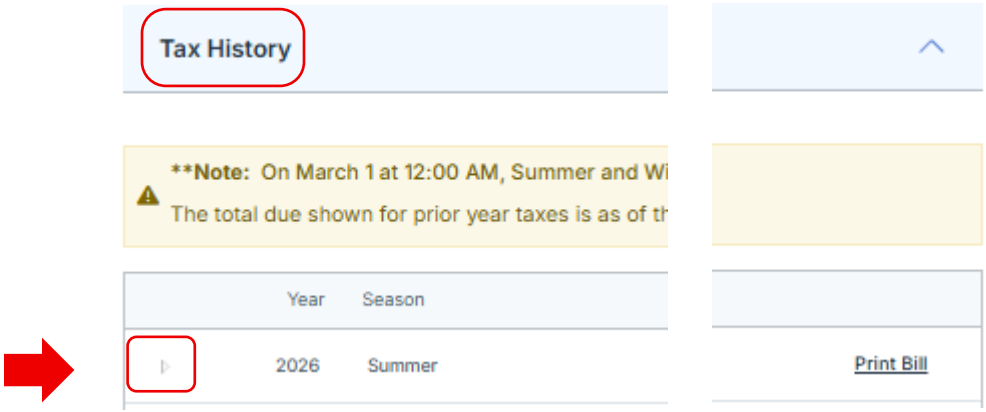
- **Search** for your tax information by **Name, Address, or Parcel Number**.



- **Choose** the '**Tax Information**' tab to find your **current property tax information.**



- **Scroll** down to **Tax History**. Here you can **print out your tax bill**.



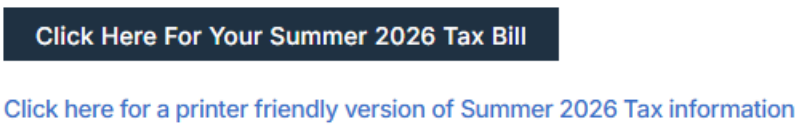
- **Click** on the **triangle to the left of the year above** (see the red arrow). If you have **paid your taxes**, you will see the **total amount you paid** (see below for example).

Last Receipt Number	*No Data to Display*
Number of Payments	0

Base Paid	$0.00
Admin Fees Paid	$0.00
Interest Fees Paid	$0.00
Total Paid	$0.00

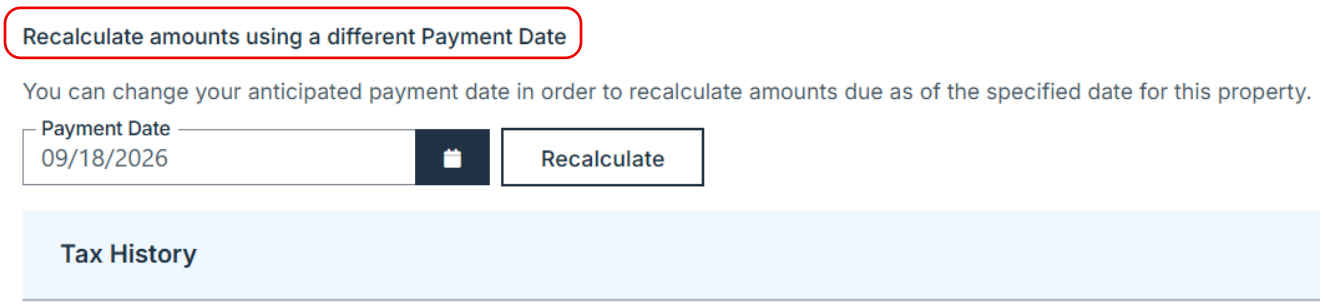
Mortgage Code	*Not Available*

- **Scroll** further down. You can **print out** your tax bill showing the total amount paid and **use this as your receipt.**



Click here for a printer friendly version of Summer 2026 Tax information

- If you are **paying** your **taxes after September 15th**, you can **recalculate the new amount due** which **includes the interest owed**.



Deferment of Property Tax Payment

Summer property tax payments may be **deferred until February 16, 2027**, (February 15, 2027 is a federal holiday) without penalty or interest charges **if one of the following applies**:

- Your property is classified or used as **Agricultural Real Property**, – OR –
- Your property is your **Principal Residence** and your gross household income from last year (2025) did not exceed $40,000.00 AND you are:
  - 62 years of age or older, – OR –
  - Disabled, – OR –
  - An eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower

You **must complete the Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes** from the State of Michigan and **turn it into the Arlington Township Treasurer by September 14th**. You can obtain this application at the Township office **– OR –** click on the underscored link below which will take you directly to the application on the State of Michigan website:

471, Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes

A document of **Frequently Asked Questions About Summer Tax Deferment** can be found by clicking on the underscored link below:

4659 Frequently Asked Questions About Summer Tax Deferment

United States Postal Service 'New Guidelines' for Dating Mail (Postmark)

- On December 24, 2025, the USPS implemented a new procedure for dating mail (postmarking letters and packages). The postmark now reflects the date they are processed at the postal facility instead of when they are dropped off in a mailbox.
- This change can affect time-sensitive mail such as – filing Tax Returns, Social Security forms, Medicare paperwork, Mail-In Voting, and Property Tax Payments.

- To ensure mail is dated correctly, avoid placing mail in a ‘big blue’ mailbox or post office receptacle and consider taking your mail inside the post office to do one of the following:
    - Request a manual postmark.
    - Send by registered or certified mail which provides a receipt and tracking.
    - Obtain a certificate of mailing which works like a receipt and proves when an item was sent. (Be sure to keep your receipt.) – OR –
- Mail your payment early.