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TRAVIS COUNTY TAX BILLS FOR 2009 SHOULD BE IN
YOUR HANDS!**

(AUSTIN) — If you own property in Travis County, chances are you already received a 2009 property tax bill. And if you are among the 116,157 homeowners who escrow through a mortgage company or lending institution, don't worry the mortgage company probably received the bill and will pay your property taxes. But you might want to check to be sure.

"All taxpayers or their mortgage companies should have received their bills," said Travis County Tax Collector Nelda Wells Spears. "Especially for owners of multiple properties, this is the time of year to make sure you have received all bills."

Spears said many taxpayers want the advantage of federal tax deductions that require paid taxes by the end of the year. Any payment postmarked by December 31 will be recorded as a December payment and the receipt issued will show the same.

"Some taxpayers believe that if they do not receive a bill, they are not liable for tax payment," Spears said. "Taxpayers are responsible for requesting a tax bill if they do not receive one."

Spears said anyone who needs a tax bill can download a copy at www.traviscountytax.org <<http://www.traviscountytax.org/>> or call (512) 854-9473 to request a mailed copy.

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Over the past several weeks, 252,289 bills hit mailboxes, Spears said. Seniors and disabled taxpayers may take advantage of a special provision in the law that allows for four installment payments with no penalty and interest provided payments are made before February 1, April 1 June 1 and August 1. Last year 2,589 persons participated in the program. She urged taxpayers to call (512) 854 9473 for details on what the law allows for seniors and disabled persons.

A new law that takes effect this year provides qualified disabled veterans with a 100% exemption on property taxes. Veterans must submit a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs along with an application available online at www.traviscountytax.org.

"If you can't pay all of your tax bill, please call or come in and make arrangements," Spears recommended. "Taxpayers will find it much cheaper to contact us than to wait for our office to contact them."

The deadline to pay 2009 property taxes is February 1, 2010. Those who want a tax receipt showing payment in calendar year 2009 must make payment on or before the last day of the current calendar year.

The Travis County Tax Office main location is 5501 Airport Boulevard, between Koenig Lane and 53½ Street. The office opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drive-through service and two deposit boxes for non-cash payment are available.

Satellite offices offer convenience to those in East Austin, Oak Hill, Pflugerville and near Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. **All satellite offices open at 8:00 am and close at 5:00 pm.**

East Austin – 4705 Heflin Lane at Springdale and MLK Blvd (drive through service)

Oak Hill Office – 8656 Highway 71W Building B, second floor

Pflugerville Office – 15822 Foothill Farms Loop (drive through service)

Southeast Office – 4011 McKinney Falls Parkway (drive through service)

Call (512) 854-9473 for assistance at all locations.

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