

Property Tax Bill Update

The Halifax Regional Municipality has made **changes to the property tax bill format** and is providing additional ways to communicate about your account.

This insert explains those changes and introduces the new Climate Action Tax, which will fund ongoing and future climate change initiatives outlined in the municipality's long-term climate action plan, *HalifACT: Acting on Climate Together*.

Changes include:

- new property tax bill format
- new options to communicate about your tax bill
- account number update (which will mainly impact residents who pay via online banking)
- changes to your property tax bill amount

New property tax bill format

1 Property description

2 General tax rate – funds the various services the municipality provides, such as policing, solid waste, recreation programs, libraries and sports fields. The charge on your property tax bill will be listed as urban, suburban or rural, depending on where you live

3 Supplementary education rate – used to supplement funding to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial (CSAP), the province-wide Acadian school board, for programs within the Halifax region

4 Area charges – funds specific services in your area and will vary depending on where you live. For example, those in close proximity to transit routes will see a charge for “Local Transit” on their property tax bill

5 Climate action – see details on page two

6 Provincial rate – collected by the municipality on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia

7 Total property taxes for the current year

8 Balance due – current amount owing

9 Payment due date

10 PIN number – required for email/SMS registration

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Property Tax Bill

Contact Us
Website: halifax.ca/taxes
Phone: 311
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Assessment Account Number (AAN): 12345678
Property Legal Description: 123 Anywhere Street
Customer Number: 1000000000
Assessed Owner(s): PERSON 1, PERSON 2

Residential Tax	Value	Rate	Amount	Your Summary
Urban General Rate	215,200	1.252	1,347.14	Account Balance as at Bill Date \$1,204.02
Supplementary Education	215,200	0.038	40.88	Balance Due \$1,204.02
Fire Protection	215,200	0.026	27.98	
Local Transit	215,200	0.196	210.90	
Regional Transportation	215,200	0.094	101.14	
Climate Action	215,200	0.023	49.50	
Provincial Rate	215,200	0.656	705.86	
Total		2.285	\$2,483.40	

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN WITH REMITTANCE

Bill Date	Due Date	Account #	PIN #	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Oct 1, 2022	Oct 31, 2022	41123456781	00000000000	1,204.02	

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Please print change of mailing address below:

PERSON 1, PERSON 2
123 ANYWHERE STREET
CITY PROVINCE POSTAL CODE

New communication options

Sign up to receive copies of your tax bill via email. You can also opt in to receive SMS (text) notifications for upcoming pre-authorized debit payments (PAPs) and overdue bill alerts.

Please note that your new tax bill has a personal identification number (PIN) required for you to opt in to receive email or SMS notifications. Visit halifax.ca/taxbills for more information.

Account number update

Your account number has changed as a result of a system upgrade and now includes a new two-digit number at the beginning and an additional digit on the end.

This will impact you if you pay your bill via online banking or if you call 311 about your bill. If you have the old account number saved in your online banking, you will need to update it through your financial institution.

Changes to your property tax bill amount

As approved in the April 2022 budget, this year the average property tax bill is increasing by 4.6 per cent. Of the 4.6 per cent increase, 1.6 per cent will support servicing a growing municipality with ongoing operations, public safety, maintenance and service improvements, as well as capital investments. The remaining 3 per cent goes towards climate action initiatives to support our community response to the climate crisis as outlined in our municipal action climate plan, HalifACT.

What is HalifACT & why do we need a Climate Action Tax?

HalifACT is a commitment to reduce our region's greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. The municipality is striving to achieve community-wide emissions reductions of 75 per cent by 2030 and net-zero by 2050. HalifACT also sets out a plan to ensure that residents, infrastructure and natural systems are prepared to withstand and recover quickly from climate impacts. Halifax Regional Council unanimously adopted HalifACT on June 23, 2020.



Funding HalifACT through the Climate Action Tax enables projects such as:

- electrifying transportation (e.g. buses, fleet, installing public charging for electric vehicles)
- constructing new buildings and retrofitting existing buildings to be net-zero (meaning that 100 per cent of a building's energy need is generated on-site or off-site through a renewable source)
- taking actions to safeguard communities and infrastructure against the impacts of climate change (e.g. flood mitigation projects, improved food security and emergency preparedness)

While implementing HalifACT will require significant investment from all levels of government, **investing today will save money, prevent loss, prepare communities and improve wellbeing.** Our model shows that if we successfully implement HalifACT, we will see a substantial return on investment by our target date of 2050. Halifax has an opportunity to grow the green economy and create more jobs in sectors such as energy efficiency, solar and wind energy and building energy retrofits.

Benefits of investing and acting on climate change



- as part of a partnership with Efficiency Nova Scotia, the municipality has implemented approximately 200 energy efficiency projects, saving over \$2 million each year
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions in municipal buildings by 15 per cent

To learn more about HalifACT, the breakdown of the HalifACT 2022/23 budget, and what you can do to help our community fight climate change and be better prepared for impacts, visit halifax.ca/climate.

Questions about the new bill format? Please call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca.

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