

# Town and County 2026 Tax Notice

*Reminder of payment deadlines and USPS mail*

Town/County tax season is upon us. Be aware February 15<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend. You have until Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to make payments before a late fee is applied. Full and partial payments are accepted at the Amherst Town Clerk's office until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

You can easily access and pay your taxes on the Amherst Town website by going to [www.amherst.ny.us](http://www.amherst.ny.us). On the home page, in the Keyword box type: **tax bill**

The next page allows you to search for tax information. The first line will automatically default to the current tax season. Below that you will then put in owner name **OR** an address, excluding Court, Drive, Road, Terrace, etc. then click on "SEARCH" and the next page should be your tax bill. If you have questions call 716-631-7021.

The Town Clerk's office is open from 8:30am - 4:00pm Monday thru Friday and does not close for lunch. The convenient drop box is located at the back door and available 24/7. Payments dropped after office hours till midnight will not be considered late.

## **Important Notice Regarding United States Postal Service:**

The United States Postal Service updated its explanation on how their postmark process works. As of December 2025, it clarifies that a postmark now revolves around when a piece of mail gets to a **regional processing hub**. Rather than when it gets to a local post office, potentially causing a 1–3 day delay before the official postmark date, impacting deadlines for taxes, bills and ballots.

To ensure tax payments are received before the due date, a Town of Amherst Resident can:

- Walk into a post office and request a manual postmark stamp at the counter
- Mail using certified/registered mail
- Use the drop box at Amherst Town Hall, located at the back entrance of the building
- Make the payment online [www.amherst.ny.us](http://www.amherst.ny.us)
- Pay in person at the Town Clerk office

## **Mail regarding online bank payments:**

Please be aware that online banking is discouraged, checks are mailed to the Town from a payment processing center by bulk mail, therefore there is NO postmark on the envelope. If you utilize online banking, you do so at your own risk.

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