

Unfunded Mandates

Many state and federal directives require local governments to provide services or programs without providing the appropriate monies or funding sources. These directives, which are known as "unfunded mandates," can compromise a county or local government's ability to provide essential services that have been deemed appropriate by the local community. The Broward County Board of County Commissioners opposes any federal or state legislative actions that create an additional financial burden on local governments, as these "unfunded mandates" require resources that would otherwise be used to fund local needs and community services.

For general information, call the Broward County Call Center at 954-831-4000.



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Records, Taxes and Treasury Division
Governmental Center Annex
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
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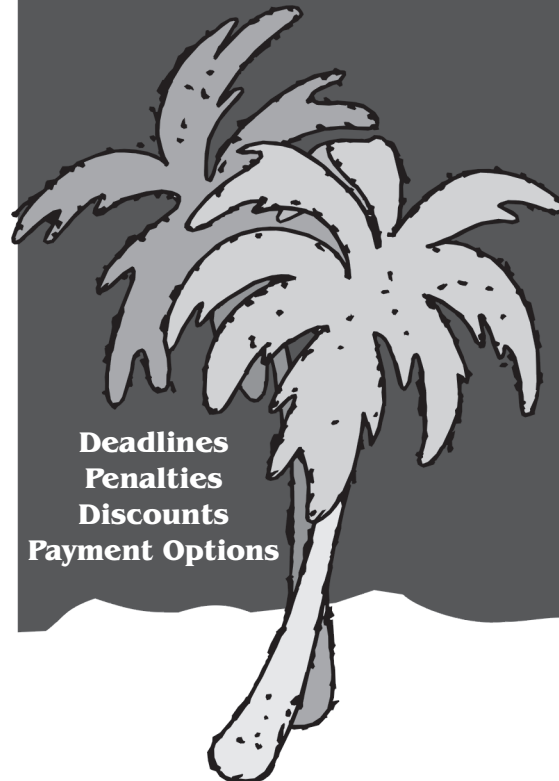
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Facts About Your Enclosed 2009 Tax Bill



Deadlines
Penalties
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Payment Options

About the County Portion of Your Tax Bill

What is the millage rate?

The millage rate is the amount of property tax charged per \$1,000 of taxable property value. For example, the County's current millage rate for county services is \$5.3889 per \$1,000 of taxable value. For each taxable value of \$100,000, a property owner would pay \$538.89 for County services.

How is the millage rate determined for Broward County government services?

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners sets the millage rate for County services which comprise approximately 23% of the typical tax bill. These services are provided by the Broward County Commission and the Constitutional Offices, which include the Sheriff's Office, Public Defender, State Attorney, Property Appraiser and Supervisor of Elections.

The County-wide millage rate is 5.3889 and is comprised of a non-voted rate of 4.8889 and a voted rate for debt service of .5000. The county-wide non-voted millage rate is the same in FY 2010 as was levied in FY2009.

What services are provided by the countywide portion of your property tax bill?

Example of services include:

- Operate detention facilities and the 911 dispatch center
- Provide paratransit transportation system
- Maintain traffic signals and roads
- Operate transit buses
- Operate Countywide library and park systems
- Operate human service programs and substance abuse facilities
- Provide a regional fire-rescue service delivery system

What is the total budget for County services?

The total budget for County services is \$3.306 billion: \$2.388 billion for the operating budget; \$508 million for the capital budget and \$410 million for the debt service budget. The total budget includes property taxes and all other sources of revenue.

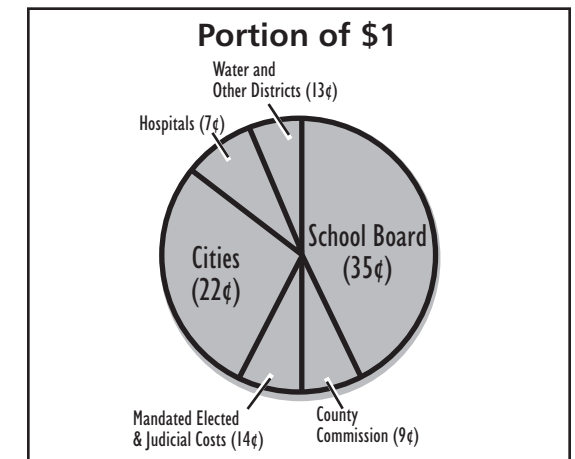
Where does the revenue come from for the County services budget?

Property tax revenue makes up 28% of the budget. The remaining revenue comes from fees and charges, state and federal grants/payments, sales taxes, fund balances, interest income, bond proceeds and other miscellaneous revenues.

WHERE YOUR AD VALOREM TAX AND NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT DOLLARS GO

| | Millions |
|---|-----------|
| Broward County School Board | \$1,178.9 |
| Broward County Government Services: | |
| Broward County Commission..... | 308.1 |
| Voted Debt Service | 74.2 |
| Sheriff | 364.3 |
| Mandated Judicial Costs | 30.4 |
| Property Appraiser | 13.5 |
| Supervisor of Elections..... | 9.6 |
| Cities & Unincorporated Area..... | 752.5 |
| Dependent Special Purpose Districts | 349.6 |
| Independent Special Purpose Districts: | |
| South Florida | |
| Water Management District | 93.0 |
| North and South Broward | |
| Hospital Districts..... | 235.7 |

TOTAL MILLAGE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED\$3,409.8



2009 TAXING AUTHORITIES PHONE LIST

All phone numbers are area code 954 unless otherwise noted.

Cities and City Services

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|---|---|---|
| Coconut Creek, Fire & Garbage... 973-6730 | Lauderdale Lakes, Fire, Garbage & Stormwater..... 535-2828 | Plantation 585-2354 |
| Cooper City & Fire..... 434-4300 | Lauderhill..... 730-3033 | Pompano Beach & EMS..... 786-4605 |
| Coral Springs, Fire & Garbage 344-5902 | Lauderhill Fire 730-2950 | Pompano Beach Fire..... 786-4601 |
| Dania Beach, Fire, Garbage & Stormwater..... 924-6800 ext. 3672 | Lauderhill Garbage, Safe Neighborhood & Stormwater.... 730-3030 | Sea Ranch Lakes 943-8862 |
| Davie, Fire & Garbage..... 797-1050 | Lazy Lake 614-9058 | Southwest Ranches, Fire & Garbage 434-0008 |
| Deerfield Beach & Fire 480-4200 | Lighthouse Point Fire 943-6500 | Sunrise 746-3230 |
| Fort Lauderdale 828-6568 | Margate 972-6454 | Sunrise Fire 746-3217 |
| Fort Lauderdale Fire..... 828-6800 | Miramar & Fire 602-3078 | Tamarac & Fire 597-3550 |
| Fort Lauderdale DDA 463-6574 | North Lauderdale 724-7036 | Unincorporated, Fire, Garbage & Street Lighting..... 831-4000 |
| Hallandale & Fire..... 458-3251 | North Lauderdale Fire 724-7050 | West Park, Fire & Solid Waste 689-4804 ext. 13 |
| Hillsboro Beach 427-4011 | Oakland Park, Fire & Garbage..... 630-4251 | Weston, Fire & Solid Waste..... 385-2000 |
| Hollywood..... 921-3580 | Parkland & Fire..... 757-4123 | Wilton Manors & Fire..... 390-2100 |
| Hollywood Fire 921-3246 | Pembroke Park..... 966-4600 ext. 232 | |
| Hollywood Sewer..... 921-3245 | Pembroke Pines & Fire..... 431-4330 | |
| Lauderdale-By-The-Sea & Fire ... 492-1830 | | |

Special Districts

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| Beach Improv District - FL..... 828-5072 | N. Lauderdale Water Control Dist. 724-7050 | Twin Lakes 689-4804 ext. 13 |
| Belmont Lakes CDD 689-4804 ext. 14 | N. Springs..... 721-8681 | Walnut Creek CDD 877-737-4922 |
| Bonaventure CDD 385-2000 | Oakridge Comm. Dev. 721-8681 | Water Control Dist 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C. 831-4000 |
| Central Broward Water 432-5110 | Old Plantation..... 472-5596 | West Lake 603-0034 |
| Cocomar Water Control..... 831-4000 | Orchid Grove CDD 721-8681 | |
| Coral Bay Com. Dev. 473-4733 ext. 2 | Parkland Golf & Country Club 721-8681 | |
| Coral Springs Improvement..... 603-0034 | Parkland Isles..... 721-8681 | |
| Cypress Cove 689-4804 | Pinetree 603-0034 | |
| Flamingo Estates 967-1618 | Plantation Acres 474-3092 | |
| Gateway 7 585-2354 | Plantation Midtown Business 585-2354 | |
| Golden Isles Safe Neighborhood... 458-3251 | South Broward Drainage 680-3337 | |
| Griffin Lakes CDD 603-0034 | Special Tax District #1 746-3230 | |
| Hillsboro Inlet 782-4870 | Sunrise Key Safe N 828-6568 | |
| Indian Trace 385-2000 | Sunrise Towne One 577-1137 | |
| Jenada Isle 390-2100 | Sunshine I 426-2105 | |
| Lauderdale Isles 828-7844 | Sunshine II 426-2105 | |
| Maple Ridge CDD 603-0034 | Three Islands Safe N. 458-3251 | |
| Meadow Pines..... 603-0034 | Tindall Hammock..... 524-8526 | |
| Monterra CDD 721-8681 | Turtle Run 721-8681 | |

County-Wide Services

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| County Commission 831-4000 |
| Broward School Board 754-321-8330 |
| Children's Council..... 377-1000 |
| Florida Inland Nav..... 561-627-3386 |
| N. Broward Hosp. Dist..... 355-5180 |
| S. Broward Hospital 265-5696 |
| S. FL Water Mgt..... 561-686-8800 |

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How to Pay Your 2009 Tax Bill

Please Read Carefully

Additional information regarding payment of your tax bill is printed on the reverse side of the tax bill.

● Electronic check payment (No Fee)

Pay your current taxes online. Your payment will be automatically deducted from your banking account.

Visit www.broward.org/revenue.

● Payment by credit card (Fee)

Pay your taxes online for a fee* at: www.broward.org/revenue.

* Credit card fees are collected by the credit card companies, not Broward County. Fees are listed on our website.

● Payment by check

Make check payable to Broward County Tax Collector and return it in the envelope provided. **ALL checks must be payable in U.S. dollars.** This is strictly enforced.

Mail to: Broward County Tax Collector
P.O. Box 29009
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302-9009

Should your check not clear for any reason, your payment will be cancelled and you will be charged a return check fee.

● Pay in Person at the following Wachovia Bank Branches: (Cash or Checks only) (Must have tax bill coupon) *Maximum 3 transactions per person.*

1790 N. Pine Island Road, Plantation, FL 33322
10191 Cleary Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324
5899 W. Oakland Park Blvd, Lauderhill, FL 33313
400 E. Sample Road, Pompano Beach, FL 33064
3668 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33064
5321 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073
3201 N. University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065
5902 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33076
1460 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071
3300 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
199 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33062
1007 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
12399 Sheridan Street, Cooper City, FL 33026
10480 Taft Street, Cooper City, FL 33026
11 Weston Road, Sunrise, FL 33326
3325 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, FL 33021
6015 Washington Street, Hollywood, FL 33023
4600 Sheridan Street, Hollywood, FL 33021
1710 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
350 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
1100 W. State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

18499 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL 33029
6810 Miramar Parkway, Miramar, FL 33023
278 Indian Trace, Weston, FL 33326
1700 W. Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
4101 W. Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33319
800 W. Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

● Installment Method (No Fee)

You may pay **next year's (2010)** taxes by installments. You must file an application with the Tax Collector's Office before May 1, 2010.

● Partial Payment (Fee)

Pay your current taxes in up to five (5) payments; Each of the first four (4) payment must at least \$100 & must include a \$10 processing fee. The 5th payment must be payment in full, must also include a \$10 processing fee and must be made by March 31st to avoid delinquency. There will be no discount allowed.

Commonly Asked Questions

The information contained in this brochure is provided by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners in an effort to help property owners understand their tax bill.

What is an ad valorem tax?

Ad valorem tax is based upon the value of the property. It is commonly referred to as "property tax."

What is a special or non-ad valorem assessment?

A special assessment is a charge levied on properties within a certain district to defray part or all of the cost of providing a certain service or improvement, such as garbage collection or fire protection. It is called a non-ad valorem assessment because it is on the property tax bill but is not based upon property value.

Why have my property taxes increased?

Your tax bill may increase for a variety of reasons. Some of the most common reasons are:

- Loss of homestead exemption or other change in exemption status
- Increase in assessed property value due to increase in market value or increase in index tied to the save our homes value
- Increase in millage rate by one or more taxing authorities

When are taxes due?

The tax bills are mailed every year on or before November 1. Taxes are due by March 31 the following year. If you pay your taxes early, you are entitled to a discount of 4% during the month of November, 3% during December, 2% in January and 1% in February. Taxes become delinquent on April 1; if taxes are not paid, a tax certificate will be sold on or before June 1.