

## 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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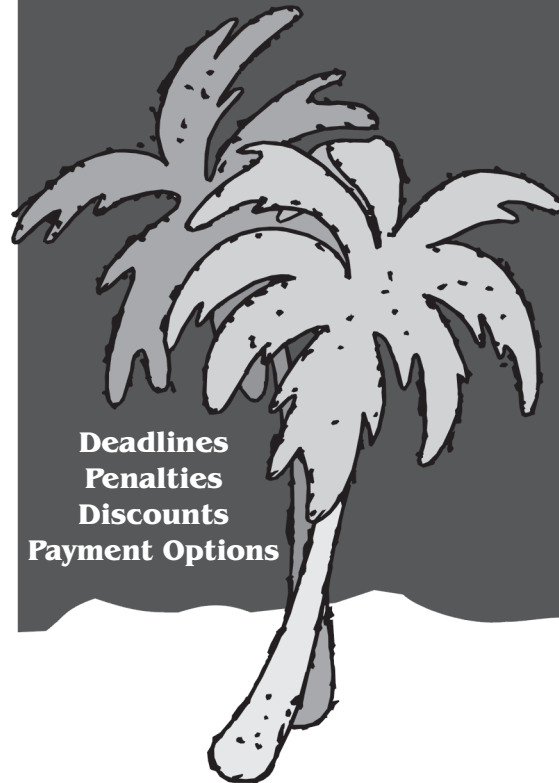
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# Facts About Your Enclosed 2009 Tax Bill



**Deadlines  
 Penalties  
 Discounts  
 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.

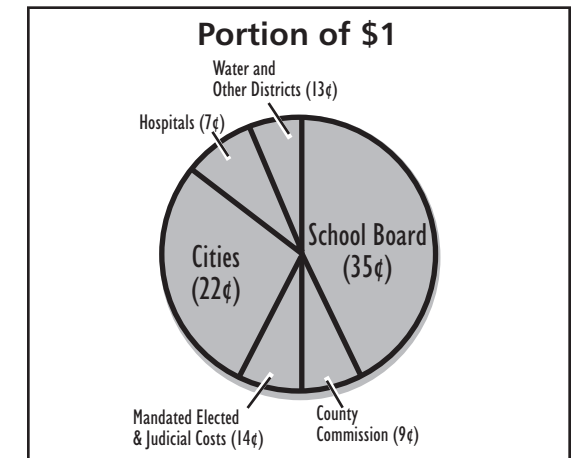
## Where does the revenue come from for the County services budget?

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

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

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

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](http://www.broward.org/revenue).

#### ● Payment by credit card (Fee)

Pay your taxes online for a fee\* at: [www.broward.org/revenue](http://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.