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**County of Berks – Press Release**

*Treasurer's office gives notice of 2021 Real Estate tax bills, reiterates taxpayer responsibilities*

**Reading, PA— 2/23/2021** — The Berks County Treasurer's Office sent the 2021 Real Estate tax bills to the post office today to be mailed to recipients. Due to the reported delays with the U.S. Postal Service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the treasurer's office sent the bills earlier than in previous years and wants to make the public aware of the following information regarding the 2021 Real Estate tax bills.

If a taxpayer fails to receive their bill, the Local Tax Collection law notes the taxpayer is not relieved from paying those taxes and will be charged with the taxes as though the bill was received. The county does not maintain a list of properties held by mortgage companies for the payment of real estate taxes. If a taxpayer's bill is paid by escrow held at a mortgage company, the taxpayer should work with their respective mortgage company to ensure their bill is received and paid. Individuals who pay their taxes directly and need a copy of their bill should contact their tax collector. A list of tax collectors can be found on the Berks County Assessment Office's website: [ftp://66.216.167.158/Berks/berks\\_municipal\\_tax\\_collectors.pdf](ftp://66.216.167.158/Berks/berks_municipal_tax_collectors.pdf)

The discount period for paying Real Estate Tax bills will run through March and April, followed by the face value period in May and June. The penalty period will begin July 1, 2021. Any bills not paid by December 31, 2021 will be turned over to Tax Claim.

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