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CLEVELAND- Cuyahoga County's second half 2011 property tax bills will be mailed between June 1 and June 8. Tax bills are issued twice a year, with first half taxes mailed in December and second half taxes mailed in June. Property taxes must be paid in full – both first half and second half taxes - by midnight July 11, 2012, in order to not be considered delinquent.

In addition to their tax bill, those homeowners currently behind on their taxes will find information on the new "Restoring Stability" program in the mailing. The program offered by the State of Ohio assists income eligible homeowners who are unable to pay their taxes due to a financial hardship.

"During these economically challenging times, we understand that taxpayers may have some difficulty in paying their taxes and bills. That is why it is important that we offer payment plans and programs like Restoring Stability to our residents," said County Executive Ed FitzGerald. "We want to help our residents stay in their homes and maintain stable neighborhoods in Cuyahoga County."

To ensure they meet the July 11 deadline, taxpayers have several payment methods available to them. Payments can be sent via U.S. Mail or individuals can utilize the online bill payment options found at treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us , where payments are accepted at all hours of the day or night. Payments must be postmarked by July 11, 2012 to be considered on time.

In addition, several local banks, including Key Bank, First Federal of Lakewood, Parkview Savings and Fifth Third Bank branches throughout Cuyahoga County will be accepting property tax payments through July 11. Individuals must bring the original tax bill received in the mail and a check or cash in the exact amount of your bill to the bank. Payments will be accepted in person during normal branch hours.

Drop boxes for check and money order payments will be available at the four title bureau offices, located in North Olmsted, Parma, Maple Heights and in downtown Cleveland. Hours vary at the Auto Title Bureau Offices, which are located at 1261 Superior Avenue in Cleveland; 5069 Great Northern Plaza in North Olmsted; 12100 Snow Road, Suite 15 in Parma; and 21100 Southgate Park Blvd, Suite 101 in Maple Heights.

Property owners who prefer to pay in-person may do so by bringing their cash, credit card (a small convenience fee applies) or check to the County Treasurer's Office, located in the Cuyahoga County Administration Building at 1219 Ontario Street, Cleveland 44113, during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For those waiting until the deadline to pay their property taxes, the County will offer office and curbside drive up service on Lakeside Avenue from July 9 to 11. County staff will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 10, and from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11. Only checks and money orders will be accepted at the curbside service.

Regardless of the payment method, all payments are due by midnight on July 11.

Property owners who are having trouble paying their taxes should contact the County Treasurer's Office immediately and before July 11 at 216-443-7420 to set up a payment plan.

Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer Wade Steen expressed the importance for local taxpayers to contact the Treasurer's Office as soon as they feel they might fall behind on their taxes. "We can not stress enough the importance of paying your taxes on time. The County 's taxpayers' services office is available to assist property owners in finding a solution to paying their taxes on time."

The Treasurer's Office is preparing about 520,000 bills. About three-fifths of all the property tax revenue collected by the county treasurer pays for local schools, but cities, villages, townships, libraries and county-level services also benefit from property tax collections.

Additional information on the Restoring Stability program can be obtained at http://www.savethedream.ohio.gov/" href="http://www.savethedream.ohio.gov/">http://www.savethedream.ohio.gov/" size="3">www.savethedream.ohio.gov, or by calling 1-888-404-4674.