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An Important Message from Treasurer Ed Leonard about property tax collection

(Columbus, OH) The due date for 1st half property taxes has been **moved** to **January 30, 2015**. This delayed due date is only for 1st half of 2015. The Franklin County Treasurer and Auditor's offices have recently upgraded software systems and the date has been moved to ensure timely billing and processing this collection cycle under these new systems. Tax bills are expected to be mailed the first week of January, 2015.

Homeowners will be able to view and print their tax bill from the Treasurer's website on Dec. 31, 2014. A homeowner can pay their bill before receiving it in the mail by printing their tax bill right from their computer and sending it in with payment. The day the bills are published online is the day that the taxpayer can view, print and send in the bill. Taxpayers may also pay online through the Treasurer's Office website.

Payments by taxpayers must be made on or postmarked by Friday, January 30, 2015.

Taxpayers are offered a wide range of payment options. At www.franklincountyohio.gov/treasurer real estate tax payments may be made online or by credit card. Please note that online credit card payments will be assessed a 2.35% convenience fee. Payments by e-check do not have service fee charges. Taxpayers are also offered the convenience of monthly direct debit payment options from their checking or savings accounts. Further information may be obtained by calling 614-525-3438.

Additionally, check payments may be deposited any time of the day or night in a collection box located conveniently in the lobby of the Courthouse building at 365 South High Street. All checks received in the collection box by 8:00am will be treated as if received on the previous day.

Payments are also accepted by mail or in person at the Treasurer's office, located in the 17th floor of the County Courthouse Complex at 373 South High Street, Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. The office will be closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Property owners will also be able to pay their bill at any of the eleven (11) Heartland Bank Locations in the Central Ohio Area. Heartland will accept payments from any taxpayer with a check and current tax bill. You do not have to be a Heartland Bank customer to take advantage of this service, although you must have a current tax bill. For locations and directions to the Heartland Bank nearest you, please go to their website: <http://www.heartlandbank.com/office-atm-locations>