

Rhonda Skipper



**Walton County
Tax Collector**

“Commitment to Service”

For Immediate Release

**Contact: Kara Stallings, Director of Administration
(850) 892-8121, or stakara@co.walton.fl.us**

April 29 Important Deadline for Walton County Property Owners

DeFuniak Springs, FL (April 22, 2011) – Walton County property owners need to be aware of the approaching April 29 deadline. This deadline is the last day to pay property taxes before being advertised and it is also the last day to submit an in person application for the property tax installment plan.

At the close of business next Friday, any delinquent 2010 property tax accounts that are unpaid will be advertised in the paper for three consecutive weeks. The Tax Collector’s Office by law is required to advertise the delinquent accounts. Following the advertisement period, any unpaid accounts will be included in the tax certificate sale to be held June 1.

Additionally, tax payers with current accounts can choose to participate in the Property Tax Installment Plan for 2011. The installment plan allows a tax payer’s property tax bill to be paid in four installment payments throughout this tax year rather than one lump sum payment. Tax payers already enrolled in the installment plan do not have to make application. In order to participate in this plan, a tax payer must meet the following criteria:

- property owner must be current on all previous taxes
- previous tax bills must have exceeded \$100
- an Installment Plan application must be submitted by April 30 (Applications received by mail and postmarked by April 30 will be accepted.)

The installment plan requires that the first installment be made no later than June 30th. Failure to make the first payment will automatically terminate the participant's eligibility for the remainder of the year. The taxpayer will then be sent a regular tax bill in November and must apply to be reinstated on the installment plan for future tax years.

The 1st and 2nd installments are based on $\frac{1}{4}$ of the previous year taxes. The 1st installment is discounted 6%, and the 2nd installment, due September 30th, is discounted 4.5%. The 3rd and 4th installments are $\frac{1}{2}$ of the remaining actual tax liability for the current year. The 3rd installment is discounted 3% and is due by December 31st. The 4th installment is not discounted and due by March 31st.

Installment applications are available for download at wالتontaxcollector.com

For additional information, please contact the Walton County Tax Collector’s Office at 850.892.8121.

###

North Walton Branch
PO Box 510
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Phone: 850.892.8121
Florida Residents
Call toll-free
800.342.0141

South Walton
Courthouse Annex
31 Coastal Centre Blvd., Ste. 700
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

www.wالتontaxcollector.com