

Rhonda Skipper



**Walton County
Tax Collector**

“Commitment to Service”

For Immediate Release

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

PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT PLAN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Program Allows Property Owners to Pay 2010 Taxes in Quarterly Installments

DeFuniak Springs, FL (January 8, 2010) – Property Tax Installment Plan applications are now available at the Walton County Tax Collector’s Office or online at wالتontaxcollector.com. The Installment Plan allows property owners to pay property taxes for the upcoming year in four quarterly installments. Applications to participate in the Installment Plan must be completed and returned to the Tax Collector’s Office by April 30. Individuals enrolled in the Installment Plan last year are automatically enrolled in the program for 2010.

“We realize the financial difficulty facing many families. The Installment Plan provides tax payers a little relief by allowing them to pay their taxes in four quarterly installments rather than one lump sum,” said Tax Collector Rhonda Skipper. “Additionally, participants still receive the discounts that are extended to taxpayers who pay prior to the March 31st tax deadline. The Installment Plan is the only alternative tax payment plan available to tax payers, so we are trying to make everyone aware of the required application process.”

To qualify to participate in the plan, property owners must be current on all previous taxes, previous tax bills must have exceeded \$100 and an Installment Plan application must be submitted by April 30.

The 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 ¼ 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 ½ 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.

For more information on the Property Tax Installment Plan, visit wالتontaxcollector.com or call (850) 892-8121.

###

North Walton Branch

PO Box 510
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
P: 850.892.8121
F: 850.892.8079

Florida Residents

Call toll-free
800.342.0141

South Walton

Courthouse Annex
31 Coastal Centre Blvd., Ste. 700
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
P: 850.267.3001
F: 850.267.4599

www.wالتontaxcollector.com