

Information Regarding Your Vehicle Taxes

All vehicles owned by South Carolina residents are subject to property taxes. Vehicle taxes must be paid prior to registering the vehicle with the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles. Vehicle taxes are paid in advance covering a period of one year. Always review tax notices before paying.

New Resident of Lexington County or Newly Purchased Vehicle Needing a License Plate

- ✓ Obtain a vehicle tax notice from the [Lexington County Auditor's Office](#).
- ✓ Pay the tax notice at the Lexington County Treasurer's Office with check (payable to County of Lexington), cash or Visa/MasterCard (online only). Convenience fees apply to all tax payments made online with a credit or debit card.
- ✓ Take receipt to S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a license plate and registration.

Newly Purchased Vehicle Where Dealership Obtained License Plate (120 Day Dealer Affidavit Tax Notice)

- ✓ A Dealer Affidavit tax notice will be mailed to the address provided by the dealership. This notice is due within 120 days from the date of purchase.
- ✓ Payments made ***before the due date*** can be made in person at the Lexington County Treasurer's Office with check or certified funds, by mail with check (payable to County of Lexington), or [online](#). Convenience fees apply to all tax payments made online with a credit or debit card.
- ✓ Payments made ***after the due date*** can be made in person at the Lexington County Treasurer's Office with ***cash or certified funds only***.
- ✓ If payment still has not been received after 30 days past the due date of the tax bill, a notice can be sent to the SC Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend your driver's license and/or registration. If payment is made after the suspension is already in place you will also need to pay reinstatement fees to the SC Department of Motor Vehicles before the suspension can be released. Reinstatement fees can be paid at any [SC Department of Motor Vehicle location](#) or on the [SCDMV website](#).

Renewal of Existing Vehicle with License Plate

- ✓ Renewal tax notices are mailed to residents according to address and vehicle information on file with the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles approximately one month before the expiration of the license plate.
- ✓ Review tax notice thoroughly before paying. Address corrections can be made on the back of the tax notice.
- ✓ Consult with the [Lexington County Auditor](#) regarding possible high mileage discounts before paying the tax notice.
- ✓ Payments can be made:
 - In person, at the Lexington County Treasurer's Office (present tax notice with check payable to County of Lexington) or cash.
 - Online with debit or credit card. Convenience fees apply to all tax payments made online with a credit or debit card. If your license plate has expired, online payment is not available.
 - Through the mail with check only. Make check payable to County of Lexington, include tax notice and write the bill number on the check.
 - At the Lexington County Treasurer's Office night deposit box for convenient after business-hours payment. Checks only, made payable to the County of Lexington, include tax notice and write the bill number on the check. The night deposit box is located in front of the County Administration Building.

- ✓ Receipt will be mailed to address on tax notice. The SC Department of Motor Vehicles will also mail the decal and registration to the address they have on file.
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Late Payment of Vehicle Tax Notice

- ✓ Contact the Lexington County Treasurer's Office at (803) 785-8217.
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Helpful Information and Useful Links

- ✓ Always review your tax notice and make address corrections before paying.
- ✓ If vehicle has been sold, contact the [Lexington County Auditor](#) at (803) 785-8181.
- ✓ Always include the bill number on check.
- ✓ Always include the tax notice with payment.
- ✓ If you are not paying your taxes in person, the Lexington County Treasurer's Office will mail a tax receipt upon payment to the address on the tax notice. The S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles will issue new registration and decal by mail.
- ✓ [S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles](#)