

# **Tax Sale Information for Property Owners**

## **A Guide to the Delinquent Tax Process**

### **What is a Tax Sale?**

By [Illinois Compiled Statutes](#), the Will County Collector is required to sell any taxes that have not been paid in full for the current tax year.

- Only your unpaid remaining balance of taxes is sold; **your house is not sold**, and the Will County Collector's Office does not report to any credit agencies.
- At the sale, tax buyers buy ("pay") the unpaid tax. This is required by law so the different taxing bodies (like Libraries, School Districts, Fire Departments, etc.) receive the funds they levied ("asked") for.
- After the Tax Sale, you will deal directly with the [Will County Clerk's Office](#) for tax redemption, or paying back the taxes. You will not need to deal with the taxbuyer.
- You or your mortgage company have a minimum of two years from the date of sale to redeem ("pay back") taxes.
- The longer the time between the Tax Sale and redemption, the higher the penalty is likely to be.

### **Important Dates Before the Tax Sale**

- **October 13, 2017** – Payments made after this date **cannot** be paid by **personal** or **business check**. Only Cash or Certified Funds (Money Order or Cashier's Check) accepted.
- **November 3, 2017** – If any amount of the real estate tax bill is still owed, the owner's name, parcel number, and tax amount due will be listed in the delinquent tax publication in local newspapers.
- **November 2, 2017** – A \$ 10.00 publication fee will be added to unpaid remaining balances to cover the cost of delinquent tax publication in local newspapers.
- **November 28, 2017** – **Last day to pay taxes to avoid Tax Sale**. Taxes must be paid in the Will County Collector's Office or drop box by 4:30 P.M. Postmarks are *not* accepted. Only Cash or Certified Funds (Money Order or Cashier's Check) accepted.