



Questions About Your 2026 Tax Bill?



Q: When are tax bills due?

A: The Town of Renfrew issues two tax bills each year. Each tax bill has two installments.

The "Interim Tax Bill", representing 50% of the previous year's final tax bill, which is payable in two installments on March 31st and May 29th.

The "Final Tax Bill" is the balance of the year's taxes once rates have been set, and is payable in two installments, August 31st and October 30th.

Q: What is the difference between the two tax bills I get each year, (the Interim Tax Bill and the Final Tax Bill)?

A: The Interim Tax Bill is issued early in the year before the current year's tax rates have been finalized. It is calculated using 50% of the previous year's taxes.

The Final Tax Bill is issued once Council has approved the municipal tax rates, and the County of Renfrew and Province of Ontario have finalized their portions. It adjusts your account to reflect your total property taxes for the year. That's why final tax bills are almost always a higher number than your Interim tax bill at the start of the year.

Q: How are property taxes calculated?

A: Your property taxes are determined by two main factors:

1. The assessed value of your property: Your property's assessed value is determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). MPAC independently assesses properties across Ontario using provincial legislation and guidelines. The Town of Renfrew does not determine property assessments or have control over changes to your assessed value.

2. The tax rates approved each year at all levels of government

Property tax rates are set annually by the Town of Renfrew, the County of Renfrew, and the Province of Ontario (for the education portion of your taxes). The Town of Renfrew only controls the portion of the tax rate that is approved by Town Council.

The Town applies the approved tax rates to your property's assessed value to calculate your annual property taxes. As a result, changes to either your property assessment or the approved tax rates can impact the amount of taxes you pay.

The Property Tax Equation



$$(\text{MPAC Assessed Value}) \times (\text{Municipal Tax Rate} + \text{Education Tax Rate}) = \text{Annual Property Tax}$$

If you have questions or concerns about your property assessment, please contact MPAC directly at 1-866-296-6722 or visit their website [linked here](#) for more information.

Q: Why does my current tax bill appear to be higher than my previous bill?

A: There are several reasons why your property tax bill may be different from a previous bill or from the year before. The most common reason is that you may be comparing different stages of the annual tax billing cycle.

Each year, the Town issues both an Interim Tax Bill and a Final Tax Bill. The Interim Tax Bill is based on approximately 50% of the previous year's taxes. The Final Tax Bill reflects the current year's approved tax rates and any changes from the Town of Renfrew, the County of Renfrew, and the Province of Ontario (for the education portion of your taxes).

Your Final Tax Bill adjusts the interim amount you have already paid to reflect the total taxes still outstanding for the current year. This includes any changes resulting from approved tax levy increases or decreases by the Town, County, and Province. The

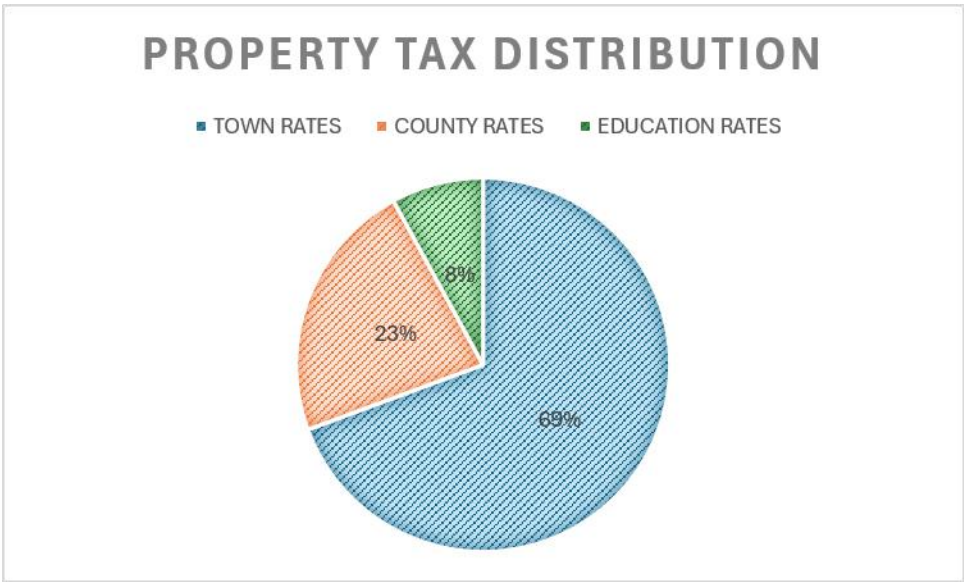
remaining balance shown on your Final Tax Bill is the amount still owing after your interim payments have been applied.

Your property tax bill may also change if your property’s assessed value has been updated by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Changes to your assessed property value can affect the amount of taxes you pay, as property taxes are calculated based on both your property’s assessed value and the applicable tax rates.

Q: What are the current tax rates for the Town of Renfrew, the County of Renfrew, and the Province of Ontario’s education portion?

A: Each dollar of residential property taxes is distributed as follows:

- Town of Renfrew: 69.36% (tax rate increase of 6.72% over 2025)
- County of Renfrew: 22.67% (tax rate increase of 6.60% over 2025)
- Province of Ontario Education Tax: 7.97% (tax rate increase of 0% over 2025)



The above 3 equal a total residential tax rate for 2026 for an overall annual tax rate increase of 6.15%.

For a residential property, the annual increase in property taxes for 2026 is \$118.17 for each \$100,000 in assessed property value. The median residential assessed property value in the Town of Renfrew as determined by MPAC is \$172,000.

Q: What are the payment options to pay my taxes each year?

A: The Town of Renfrew offers several convenient ways to pay your property taxes, including online banking, telephone banking, at your financial institution, through your mortgage company, by mail, in person at Town Hall, by using the secure 24-hour drop box, or by setting up pre-authorized monthly payments.

Residents can also register for the Town's online [e-Commerce Portal linked here](#) to receive electronic tax bills (e-Billing) and make credit card payments online. Please note that credit card payments are only accepted through the online portal and are subject to a convenience fee.

For step-by-step instructions on setting up e-Billing, making online payments, and viewing all available payment options, please visit the [Town's Property Tax webpage here](#) or contact Treasury at treasury@renfrew.ca or call 613-432-4848 ext.100.

Q: Who should residents contact if they have questions about their property tax bill?

A: If you have questions on your recent tax bill, or would like a breakdown of your tax assessment, please feel free to email our Town of Renfrew Treasury Department anytime at treasury@renfrew.ca or call 613-432-4848 ext.100.