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# **COVID-19: Municipal Property Tax Relief Programs**

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## **City of Toronto**

The City of Toronto is providing all customers with a grace period for property tax payments and payment penalties for 60 days starting March 16, 2020. All pending automated withdrawals that have been scheduled for all City residents and businesses within the next 60-day period but not yet withdrawn will be suspended.

https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/economic-support-recovery/economic-support-recovery-forbusinesses/

## **City of Ajax**

The City of Ajax will provide a two-month grace period, which will begin on the April 2020 instalment with no penalty or interest charged for May 2020 or June 2020.

https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9912463-no-property-tax-penalties-in-ajax-for-60-days/

## **City of Aurora**

The City of Aurora is waiving all late payment fees and interest for the March 26 and April 28 property due dates.

https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9910323-updated-coronavirus-prompts-newmarket-aurorato-declare-states-of-emergency/

## **City of Barrie**

The City of Barrie will not be charging new late fees or interest until June 30, 2020, for any outstanding property tax bills related to 2020.

https://www.barrie.ca/Living/Housing-and-Property/Property-Taxes/Pages/Payment-Options.aspx

#### **City of Brampton**

The City of Brampton has waived the interest and late fees on unpaid property tax for the period of March 18, 2020, to August 19, 2020.

https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/News/Pages/Media-Release.aspx/715





## **City of Brantford**

The City of Brantford will not be charging late payment fees on April 1, 2020, or May 1, 2020, to accounts with unpaid property taxes from the February 28, 2020 due date and the upcoming April 29, 2020 due date.

https://www.brantford.ca/en/living-here/taxes.aspx#

#### **City of Burlington**

The City of Burlington will be deferring the April 21, 2020 instalment to June 30 and will not be charging interest and fees.

https://globalnews.ca/news/6788133/burlington-tax-relief-covid-19-pandemic/

#### **Town of Caledon**

The Town of Caledon has deferred all remaining 2020 property tax payments by two months. Property taxes originally due on May 7, 2020, July 2, 2020, and September 3, 2020, will now be due July 2, 2020, September 3, 2020, and November 5, 2020, respectively.

https://www.caledon.ca/en/townhall/property-tax.asp

#### **City of Cambridge**

The City of Cambridge will waive penalties, interest, late payment charges, and other fees related to property taxes starting April 1, 2020, until June 1, 2020.

https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/cambridge-council-approves-relief-package-in-response-to-covid-19-1.4868813

#### **Municipality of Clarington**

The Municipality of Clarington is waiving property tax penalties and interest for 60 days, effective on the April 2020 instalment.

https://www.clarington.net/en/news/clarington-waives-property-tax-penalties-for-residents-andbusinesses-for-60-days.asp

#### **City of Guelph**

The City of Guelph is waiving property tax penalties and interest for the April 30, 2020 instalment.

https://www.guelphmercury.com/news-story/9914360-guelph-council-approves-new-financial-reliefmeasures-in-emergency-meeting/



#### **Town of Halton Hills**

The town of Halton Hills is providing a grace period for all property tax penalties and fees starting April 1, 2020 until June 30, 2020.

https://www.haltonhills.ca/tax/index.php

## **City of Hamilton**

The City of Hamilton is waiving penalty and interest charges for the 2020 Interim Property Tax Instalment due on April 30, 2020, for a period of 60 days.

https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/faq-property-taxpayers

#### **City of Kawartha Lakes**

Deadlines unchanged at this time.

## **City of Kitchener**

The City of Kitchener is waiving penalties and interest on property taxes for April and May 2020.

https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/taxes.aspx

## **Township of King**

Deadlines unchanged at this time.

## **City of Kingston**

The City of Kingston is waiving the April 1, 2020, and May 1, 2020, monthly penalty and interest on all 2020 interim arrears.

http://kingstonherald.com/release/property-tax-relief-2010328512

## **City of London**

The City of London is waiving all interest and penalties for unpaid Interim 2020 Property Tax Instalments that come due on March 31, 2020, for a period of 60 days.

https://www.london.ca/newsroom/Pages/City-Council-approves-motions-to-provide-immediateeconomic-relief-to-Londoners-and-businesses-.aspx

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#### **City of Markham**

The City of Markham is waiving interest and penalties for residential property taxpayers from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/news/markham-approves-tax-and-fee-relief

## **Town of Milton**

The Town of Milton is providing a grace period for property tax penalties and fees from April 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020.

https://www.milton.ca/en/living-in-milton/covid-19-coronavirus.aspx#Taxes

#### **City of Mississauga**

The City of Mississauga is deferring the Interim Tax instalment due dates of April 2, 2020, and May 7, 2020, have been deferred to July 2, 2020, and August 6, 2020, respectively. All monthly Pre-authorized Tax Payment withdrawals planned for the months of April, May, and June will be deferred to July, August, and September.

https://web.mississauga.ca/city-of-mississauga-news/covid-19/interim-tax-payment-deferral/

#### **Town of Newmarket**

The Town of Newmarket is waiving all late property tax payment fees, and interest on all property tax accounts for the March 26, 2020, and April 28, 2020, instalments.

https://www.newmarket.ca/TownGovernment/Pages/Budgets%20and%20Finances/Property-Taxes.aspx

#### **City of Niagara Falls**

The City of Niagara Falls is waiving penalty charges for current year property taxes, until June 30, 2020.

https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news-story/9912119-niagara-falls-council-approves-payment-relief-measures-for-residents-businesses/

#### **Town of Orangeville**

The Town of Orangeville is waiving all fees and interest related to late payment of property taxes for a three-month period, which was announced on March 23, 2020.

https://www.orangeville.ca/news/2020/03/23/orangeville-council-approves-emergency-reliefinitiatives



## **City of Orillia**

Deadlines unchanged at this time.

## **City of Oshawa**

The City of Oshawa is providing a two-month grace period for the April 27, 2020 instalment until June 30, 2020, with no penalties or interest charged.

https://www.oshawa.ca/residents/property-taxes.asp

#### **City of Ottawa**

The City of Ottawa is providing a penalty-free payment grace period for interim property tax bills due March 19 until April 15, 2020. The City of Ottawa is also offering a Property Tax Hardship Deferral Program to qualifying residential property owners and small business property owners, which will extend the interim property tax and final property tax deadlines of March 19, 2020, and June 18, 2020, to Friday, October 30, 2020. Property owners must apply for the Property Tax Hardship Deferral Program before July 31, 2020.

https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/taxes/covid-19-property-tax-relief

#### **City of Peterborough**

The City of Peterborough will be waiving penalty charges on payments received up to 60 days past the March 31, 2020 and May 29, 2020 due dates.

https://www.peterborough.ca/en/city-hall/taxes.aspx

#### **City of Pickering**

The City of Pickering is waiving penalties and interest for 60 days effective with the April 28, 2020, property tax instalment.

https://www.pickering.ca/en/city-hall/propertytaxes.aspx#

## **City of Richmond Hill**

The City of Richmond Hill has deferred the May 1 property tax installment due date to June 1. Penalties and interest on late property tax payments have been waived through January 1, 2021.

https://www.richmondhill.ca/en/register-apply-or-pay/Property-Taxes.aspx? mid =435



## **City of Sarnia**

The City of Sarnia will not be charging penalty or interest on deferred property tax payments during the months of April and May. Both the interim and property tax payments that would have been due April 29, 2020, and May 28, 2020, have been deferred one month to May 28, 2020, and June 29, 2020, respectively.

https://blackburnnews.com/sarnia/sarnia-news/2020/03/25/sarnia-council-approves-pandemic-relief-including-tax-deferral/

#### **City of St. Catharines**

Deadlines unchanged at this time.

#### **City of Stratford**

Deadlines unchanged at this time.

## **City of Greater Sudbury**

The City of Greater Sudbury is providing a grace period for interim property tax bill due April 2, 2020, until June 4, 2020, with no interest or late payment penalties charged.

https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/covid-19-coronavirus/economic-support-recovery/

## **City of Thunder Bay**

The City of Thunder Bay is deferring the instalment of property taxes due May 6, 2020, to July 8, 2020.

https://www.thunderbay.ca/en/city-hall/property-taxes.aspx

#### **Township of Uxbridge**

The Township of Uxbridge is implementing a two-month grace period, effective from the April 2020 instalment date. No penalty or interest charges will be incurred on May 1 or June 1, 2020, for unpaid taxes.

https://uxbridge.ca/news Options for Your April Tax Payment



## **City of Vaughan**

The City of Vaughan is waiving the late penalty charges and interest on interim tax bills for the Thursday, March 26, 2020, Monday, April 27, 2020, and Wednesday, May 27, 2020, due dates until Monday, June 1, 2020.

https://www.vaughan.ca/services/property\_tax\_and\_assessment/Pages/default.aspx

## **City of Waterloo**

The City of Waterloo is deferring property tax payments to June 1, 2020. It will not be charging late payment fees for payments due in April and May.

https://www.waterloo.ca/en/government/tax-rates-and-relief-programs.aspx

## **Town of Whitby**

The Town of Whitby will be implementing a 60 day grace period interim property tax bills due in April 2020, with no late payment fees or interest charged. Payments for the final property tax bill due in June will be deferred until July 2020.

https://www.whitby.ca/en/news/index.aspx?feedId=d1355fb3-c8f0-419b-a81dab1cef457bd0&newsId=a8d3359e-50e9-40eb-8bc1-f1d54c8b7bcf

#### **Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

The town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has waived interest charges and penalties on the April property tax bill instalment until May 29.

https://stouffvillereview.com/stouffville-defers-property-tax-water-bill-due-dates/

## **City of Windsor**

The City of Windsor will not be charging any late payment fees or interest for the interim property tax bill due in March 2020 until June 30, 2020. Payments for the interim property tax bill due April 15, 2020 will be deferred until June 30, 2020.

If you have any questions about issues related to your property taxation and assessments, please contact <u>Melissa Muskat</u> at either <u>mmuskat@mindengross.com</u> or 416.369.4313.