



# 2026 TAX INFORMATION



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Your property taxes fund essential services in the Town of Athabasca and are made up of three parts:

- **Municipal Taxes** – Based on the town's budget, this funds local services such as road maintenance, water, emergency services, and more. It also includes RCMP costs, though these funds are sent directly to the Province.
- **Provincial Education (School) Tax** – The Alberta Government requires the Town to collect this tax on their behalf to help fund the education system. The Town does not control this amount but is responsible for ensuring it is collected.
- **Greater North Foundation Tax** – Supports affordable housing solutions for seniors, low-income families, and individuals, including independent apartments, supportive living facilities, and rental assistance programs. The Town collects this tax on behalf of the Province.

Town Council approves a budget that determines the municipal portion of your taxes. Municipalities rely on three main revenue sources:

- Government grants
- User fees
- Municipal property taxes (covering the remaining balance).

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# WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

Your tax dollars help maintain and improve vital town services, including:

- **Infrastructure & Roads** – Water and sewer systems, streetlights, storm sewers, sidewalks, snow removal, and road maintenance.
- **Public Services** – Garbage and recycling, cemetery maintenance, and contracted services.
- **Emergency & Safety Services** – Fire protection and emergency response.
- **Recreation & Community** – Parks, trails, beautification projects, and facilities like the Multiplex.
- **Planning & Development** – Ensuring sustainable community growth and improvements.

# IMPORTANT TAX DEADLINES & PENALTIES

Property taxes are due on or before June 30, 2025. Late payments are subject to penalties on:

- July 1, 2026 – 4% penalty
- October 1, 2026 – 8% penalty
- January 1, 2027 – 12% penalty

These penalties apply to any outstanding balance on your tax roll. Avoid late fees by making timely payments or enrolling in the Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP).

Payment can be made in the following ways:

- In person at the Town Office by cash, cheque, or debit
- By mail (cheque only)
- Through most financial institutions
- Through the Tax Installment Payment Plan.

# TAX INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN (TIPP)

The Tax Installment Payment Plan allows property owners to make 12 equal, interest-free monthly payments instead of a lump sum. Payments are automatically withdrawn on either the 15th or end of each month.

### How It Works:

- Runs January to December each year.
- Payments from January to June are based on the previous year’s tax levy.
- After receiving your tax notice in May, payments adjust in July to match your current taxes.

### Enrollment & Withdrawal:

- TIPP applications can be found on our website ([athabasca.ca/p/property-taxes](http://athabasca.ca/p/property-taxes)) or by calling the Town office.
- To withdraw, notify the Town at least two weeks before your next payment.
- Missed payments incur a \$40 service fee.
- If more than two payments are missed in the tax year, your plan will automatically be canceled, and all unpaid taxes become due immediately, with penalties applied.
- Utility transfers to taxes can only occur twice in a tax year. If there is a third transfer in the same year, it will result in immediate removal from the Tax Installment Payment Plan.

This plan offers flexibility and helps avoid tax arrears—consider signing up to make budgeting easier!

