
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

Motor vehicle tax bills cover motor vehicles registered prior to October 1st. **If you disposed of your vehicle and did not transfer the plate to a replacement vehicle, you may be entitled to a tax credit.**

If you transferred your plates to a new vehicle, you are not entitled to an adjustment. In essence, the adjustment follows the license plate. The original bill for the old vehicle should be paid. A supplemental list will generate a bill for the new vehicle with a credit (exemption) for the period that the old vehicle was no longer owned.

From the category which best describes your situation in the section entitled “*What If My Vehicle Was...?*” forward the appropriate **2 forms of proof** to:

Assessor’s Office
67 Ripley Hill Rd
Barkhamsted, CT 06063
Phone (860) 379-3600 Fax (860) 379-9284

Please note: a CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of license plate does not show that you have disposed of the vehicle. Therefore a 2nd form of proof is required to support an adjustment.

CT Department of Motor Vehicles does not inform towns when plates are returned nor when vehicles are sold, registered out of state, or otherwise disposed of. **It is the taxpayer’s responsibility to provide the required documentation within the time limits as provided under applicable CT law.**

Copies of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt may be requested from CT Department of Motor Vehicles (Copy Records Division) at (860) 263-5154. Info line: (860) 263-5700

All proof for adjustments (“prorates”) of motor vehicle regular list must be presented within 27 months of the assessment date. Example: the owner of a vehicle with a bill with an assessment date of October 1, 2024, has until December 31, 2026, to present proof of disposal.

MOTOR VEHICLE ADJUSTMENTS

If an error exists in your ownership time period of a motor vehicle, you may provide proof of your claim to the Assessors Office according to the situations listed in “*What if My Vehicle Was...?*”

Any Documentation provided:

1. Must be the original
2. Must be clearly dated
3. Must be signed (when necessary)
4. Must be legible
5. Must show vehicle identification number (VIN), make, model, and year

Please note that vehicles which you still own & are no longer registered are taxable as non-registered motor vehicles & must be declared as personal property annually.

WHAT IF MY VEHICLE WAS...?

Sold or Junked:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt. **(REQUIRED)**

AND any one of the next 4

2. A copy of the new owner’s registration or the new owner’s title with the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
3. A copy of both sides of your title showing transfer.
4. A receipt or letter from the dealer or salvage yard showing the date of sale/disposal and the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
5. A completed, signed, and notarized motor vehicle affidavit form available from the Town of Barkhamsted.

Totaled:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt. **(REQUIRED)**

AND any one of the next 2

2. A letter from your insurance agent or company stating that the vehicle was totaled and not retained by you, the date of the accident, and the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
3. A receipt or letter from the dealer or salvage yard showing the date of sale/disposal and the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

Moved & Registered out of State:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt. **(REQUIRED)**

AND

2. A copy of the original out of state registration OR title showing the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle and the date it was registered. **(REQUIRED)**
3. If you still own a residential property in Barkhamsted, you will also need to provide proof that you are no longer a resident of Barkhamsted.

Stolen:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt. **(REQUIRED)**

AND any one of the next 2

2. A statement from your insurance agent or company stating that the vehicle was stolen and not recovered, date of theft, and the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
3. A copy of the Police Report which must state that the vehicle was stolen and not recovered.

Taxed in Wrong Town:

1. Proof of residency prior to October 1st in form of either: Residential Deed or Lease **OR** Voter identification card prior to Oct 1st.

AND

2. Written correction from the Department of Motor Vehicles showing the new tax town.
3. If you still own a residential property in Barkhamsted, you will also need to provide proof that you are no longer a resident of Barkhamsted.

Repossessed:

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt. **REQUIRED**

AND any one of the next 2

2. Letter from the finance company stating the date the vehicle was taken and that it was not redeemed by you and the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
3. Copy of bill of sale or auction papers that shows the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle and date of sale.

Donated

1. A copy of CT Department of Motor Vehicles cancellation of registration receipt. **(REQUIRED)**

AND

2. Letter from charitable organization stating that the vehicle was donated, the date of the donation, and the year, make, model & vehicle identification number of the vehicle.

Current Member of the Armed Forces - Exemptions

Out of state residents stationed in CT must file a Service Members' Civil Relief Act form *annually* with the Assessor's Office.

Residents of CT based out of state must file Active Duty form *annually* with the Assessor's Office.

Forms are available in Assessor's Office. Filing deadline is not later than December 31st following the date the property tax is due.

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLES

Supplemental Motor Vehicles are vehicles which were newly registered subsequent to October 1st and prior to the last day of September.

Motor vehicle taxes are prorated from the month registered through September at the following percentages of assessed value:

October	100.0%
November	91.7%
December	83.3%
January	75.0%
February	66.7%
March	58.3%
April	50.0%
May	41.7%
June	33.3%
July	25.0%
August	16.7%
September	8.3%

The same forms of proof are required for any adjustments to supplemental motor vehicle list bills.

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DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF PROOF FOR ADJUSTMENT

The proof for adjustments ("prorates") of motor vehicle regular list must be presented within 27 months of the assessment date. Example: the owner of a vehicle with a bill with an assessment date of October 1, 2025 has until December 31, 2027 to present all proofs of disposal.

Taxpayer failure to provide all forms of proof for adjustments within the 27 months of the assessment date forfeits the right to an adjustment of the bill by CT law (12-71c.)

Assessment Date	Deadline for presentation of proof for adjustment
Oct. 1, 2025	Dec. 31, 2027
Oct. 1, 2024	Dec. 31, 2026
Oct. 1, 2023	Dec. 31, 2025
Oct. 1, 2022	Dec. 31, 2024
Oct. 1, 2021	Dec. 31, 2023
Oct. 1, 2020	Dec. 31, 2022
Oct. 1, 2019	Dec. 31, 2021

MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION & REQUIRED PROOFS FOR ADJUSTMENTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE TAX BILLS

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED

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