



## Key Tips to Avoid Tax Sale

If you do not pay this bill by April 30, 2026, your home may be included in the City’s tax sale on May 18, 2026. You must pay the balance below \$1,000 to avoid tax sale if the residential property is owner occupied, or if you are an heir of a deceased property owner and living in a property on the City’s heirs’ property registry. You must pay the balance below \$750 to avoid tax sale if the residential property is not owner occupied. If your property goes to tax sale, the lien (debt) can be sold to a third party. You will not lose your physical property then, and you should not leave your home.

If the lien is sold, you will have an opportunity to pay off the lien, but it will be more expensive and complicated if you wait. You still own your home: a foreclosure process cannot begin for several months and will not happen if you pay the liens before then.



**LAST DAY OF PAYMENT:  
APRIL 30, 2026**



**WHERE TO PAY OR GO FOR HELP:** Revenue Collections — Abel Wolman Municipal Building, 200 Holliday St., 1st Floor  
**(410) 396-3000**

**OPEN:** Mon–Fri, 8:30AM–4:30PM

Go to Counter 2 for a copy of your 2026 Tax Sale Liens and then to the Cashier to pay.

The guards & info desk can help direct you. While mail or online payments may be possible, going in-person is recommended when close to the deadline. This ensures credit to your account.

## Where to Start

### Taxes being paid by your mortgage company?

Be aware that your mortgage company is not receiving this notice of your overdue tax bill and contact them immediately.

### Eligible for Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit?

It may not be too late to apply for the Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit to reduce the amount you owe. Contact (410) 767-4433 or resources on the opposite side for assistance.

### Don’t forget to check your property classification!

If you are a homeowner living in your property, the enclosed Final Bill Legal Notice (FBLN) should say “Owner Occ: H.” on top right. This is also marked “principal residence” on the top right of your official property tax bill. You must be classified as “owner occupied” to be eligible for property tax credits and financial assistance.



## Payment Tips

### Before Making the Payment

- 1 Call **(410) 396-3000** or go to **Revenue Collections**, Counter 2 to find out your total amount before paying. Waiting increases added interest and fees.
- 2 Confirm payment methods accepted and how to pay in person, by mail, or online.
- 3 If you have tax credits or made prior payments, confirm they were applied.

### During and After the Payment

- 1 Include property address on payment and write “for 2026 FBLN liens” on the memo line.
- 2 Take a photo of your payment and make sure you get your receipt.

**Continue for Free Resources!**



# Free Resources to Help You

## Pro Bono Resource Center (PBRC)

**Contact:** Client Services Specialist, (443) 884-9471

**Email:** HPP@probonomd.org

Tax sale prevention consultations, information, and connections to resources.

## Office of the State Tax Sale Ombudsman / Homeowner Protection Program

**Contact:** (410) 767-4994

**Website:**

[dat.maryland.gov/Pages/tax-sale-information.aspx](http://dat.maryland.gov/Pages/tax-sale-information.aspx)

Central resource for tax credit help and a loan program if you cannot afford your tax bill. First-time applicants to the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit, or those who had the credit for 3 prior consecutive years but missed this year's application deadline, may apply until 4/15/26 for credit on last July's bill.

## Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS)

**Contact:** Megan Good, (443) 451-4069

**Email:** mgood@mvslaw.org

Free legal assistance to address issues with the deed to your home. Being on the deed ensures you have access to support programs!

## Baltimore City Tax Sale Ombudsman / Tax Sale Deferral Program and Heirs' Property Registry

**Contact:** (410) 396-3023

**Email:** dhcd.taxsaleinfo@baltimorecity.gov

**Website:**

[dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/hho/tax-sale-prevention](http://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/hho/tax-sale-prevention)

Connects to resources and leads the Tax Sale Deferral Program, open 2/15–4/15 for eligible residents. *Important:* Deferral program removes properties from the tax sale list this year, but does not pay or forgive the tax sale liens.

If you are the heir of a deceased owner, contact for assistance with Baltimore City's heirs' property registry.

## Stop Oppressive Seizures Fund (SOS FUND)

**Contact:** Client Care Team, (443) 810-3665

**Email:** [clientcare@thesosfund.com](mailto:clientcare@thesosfund.com)

Tax sale redemption support if a tax sale foreclosure case has been filed in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City for a previous year's unpaid property taxes or other municipal debt.

## Additional Information

**Tax Sale Process** | [taxsale.baltimorecity.gov/tips-avoid-tax-sale](http://taxsale.baltimorecity.gov/tips-avoid-tax-sale)  
Department of Finance information about Baltimore City's tax sale process.

**Tax Sale Help Baltimore** | [www.taxsalehelpbaltimore.org](http://www.taxsalehelpbaltimore.org)  
Learn about the tax sale process and find helpful resources.

**Property Donations** | [dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/donate-property](http://dhcd.baltimorecity.gov/donate-property)  
Information and application to donate unwanted VBN buildings or lots for free to DHCD.



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**IMPORTANT !** Ce document contient des informations importantes et urgentes sur votre taxe foncière. Veuillez scanner ce code QR pour trouver ce document dans votre langue.

**重要提示!** 本文件包含有关您的房产税的重要且时效性强的信息。请扫描此二维码以查找以您的语言编写的本文件。

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