

Winter Property Tax Information & Due Dates

Winter tax bills are due and payable *December 1* and must be received by *February 14*. Late payments are charged a 3% penalty. Postmarks will be accepted if received within seven days of the *February 14* due date. **February 28 is the last day that current year taxes for real property can be paid to Schoolcraft Township. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR THE FEBRUARY 28 DATE THEREFORE ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28.** On March 1 delinquent real property taxes are transferred to the Kalamazoo County Treasurer. If **any** due date falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, taxes are due the next business day. Below is a list of millages that appear on winter tax bills in Schoolcraft Township along with a short explanation of each. Taxes are distributed to the taxing entities according to MCL 211.43(3)(a).

SCHOOL OPERATING – Levied by local school districts on properties without a principal residence exemption (PRE) this was established by the Revised School Code Act (Act 451) of 1976. It is levied in the winter by *Schoolcraft Public Schools* (expires 12/31/2026).

SCHOOL DEBT – This is a total of two school bond millages for [Schoolcraft Public Schools](#), approved by voters in 1996 (expires 12/31/2026) and in 2020 (expires 12/31/2049).

[KRESA](#) (Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency/ISD) - Levied in the winter for residents in *Schoolcraft* school district, this is actually six voter approved millage rates combined into one: the general education millage of 1965, special education millage of 1969, special education millage of 1987, special education millage of 2021 (expires 12/31/2026), regional enhancement millage of 2023 (expires 12/31/2028) and career tech millage of 2019 (expires 12/31/2039).

PUBLIC SAFETY (County Public Safety) – This millage is levied by Kalamazoo County to pay for employees in several county departments including the court system, prosecutor’s office, and sheriff’s dept. It was approved by voters in 2010, renewed in 2016 & 2022 (expires 12/31/2027).

CNTY JUV HOME – This debt millage levied by Kalamazoo County for the juvenile home was approved by voters in 2006 (expires 12/31/2031).

HOUSING FUND – Levied by Kalamazoo County to provide housing assistance to children of homeless families, it was approved by voters in 2015 (expired 12/31/2020) and renewed/expanded to “[Housing for All](#)” program in 2020 (expires 12-31-2028).

KVCC (Kalamazoo Valley Community College) – Levied in the winter for townships, this is two combined millage rates approved by voters in 1987 and 1991 for the operation of KVCC.

SCHOOLCRAFT TWP – Levied by Schoolcraft Township for general operating activities, it was approved by voters in 1965.

LIBRARY-39160 (Vicksburg Community Library) – This millage is levied by the Vicksburg Community Library for general operating purposes. It was approved by voters in 2002. Library – 39160 is levied on all the properties within the Schoolcraft School district that are outside of the Village of Schoolcraft. The Vicksburg Community Library has a “pass-through” agreement with the Schoolcraft Community Library where these funds are forwarded to the Schoolcraft Community Library.

LIBRARY – 39170 (Vicksburg Community Library) – This millage is levied by the Vicksburg Community Library for general operating purposes. It was approved by the voters in 2002. Library – 39170 is levied on all the properties within the Vicksburg School District.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT – Levied by the [Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority](#) for the operation of the county-wide Metro Connect and Metro Share Van services, it was approved by voters in 2016 and renewed in 2021 (expires 12/31/2026).

[SENIOR PROGRAMS](#) – Levied by Kalamazoo County to provide additional funds for senior services administered by the Area Agency on Aging, it was approved by voters in 2018 (expires 12/31/2023).

COUNTY 911 – Levied by Kalamazoo County to fund the [Kalamazoo County Consolidated Dispatch Authority](#), it was approved in 2020 (expires 12/31/2029).

[COUNTY VETERAN FUND](#) – Levied by Kalamazoo County to fund various veteran services for Kalamazoo County Residents, it was approved 11/7/2023 (expires 12/31/2032).

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – Schoolcraft Township levies special assessments for *street lights* in the Stonecrest, Canal Zone, Sugar Island, Prairie Edge 1 & 2 and Prairie Edge 3 neighborhoods. Schoolcraft Township also levies special assessments for *aquatic vegetation control* in Barton & Sunset lakes. The [Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner](#) occasionally levies special assessments for county drain maintenance. The [Gourdneck Lake Governmental Lake Board](#) levies a special assessment for aquatic vegetation control for properties that access Gourdneck Lake.

Please note that by law, as stated on the assessor’s warrant, tax payments cannot be accepted before December 1. Also remember that MCL 211.44 (2) states that failure to receive a tax bill does not preclude a taxpayer from paying the levied property taxes. Tax bills are sent to the last known address on file on the date the tax bills are printed.