



## CATAWBA COUNTY

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### CATAWBA COUNTY REMINDS CITIZENS OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TAX OFFICE

The Catawba County Tax Office reminds all citizens of upcoming deadlines for tax payments and the holiday operating schedules for the Tax Office in Newton.

"Tax payments have begun coming in more steadily as the end of the year approaches" said Mark Logan, Catawba County Tax Administrator. "Those who have not yet paid should remember that North Carolina law requires that interest be added at the rate of 2% for January, and three-fourths of 1% for each following month, on all tax bills still unpaid after 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Payments sent by mail must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2012 to avoid the added interest."

Catawba County offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23, and on Monday, December 26, 2011 for the Christmas holiday; and on Monday, January 2, 2012, for the New Year's holiday. Please remember that we have a convenient drop-in mail depository, located to the right of the main entrance at the Government Center, which is available for payment deposits when our office is not open. Citizens may also pay their taxes online by using the Online Tax Payment link on the left side of the front page at [www.catawbacountync.gov](http://www.catawbacountync.gov)," Logan added.

Personal Property Listing Abstracts for 2012 will be mailed on or about December 30, 2011. Everyone receiving a listing abstract must list during the month of January 2012. Property owners should carefully follow the instructions printed on the back of the abstract, which tells how to properly fill it out. Those receiving an abstract should draw a line through any property listed on the abstract that they no longer own, and list any additional items which are not printed on the new abstract.

"If you were the owner of a double-wide manufactured home, single-wide mobile home, boat and motor, jet ski, aircraft, multi-year tagged trailer, or an unregistered (not tagged) automobile, truck, utility trailer, camper, motor home, or motorcycle in 2011, and you are still the owner of any or all of these in 2012, you are required to list these during the month of January," Logan said. "You should receive a 2012 listing abstract during the first week of January. If you own the types of property listed above and do not receive a listing abstract by Friday, January 6, 2012, please call 828-465-8402 so one can be mailed to you. Taxpayers can avoid penalties by making sure they have properly listed all of the types of property noted above with the Tax Office."

Owners of land and buildings will automatically receive a tax bill and are not required to list. Tagged vehicles are billed on a staggered monthly system during the tax year. It is very important to pay your vehicle tax in a timely manner, however, to avoid having your North Carolina license tag blocked.

If you are presently receiving the homestead exemption available for the elderly, or the exemption for being totally and permanently disabled, you are not required to reapply for this exemption for 2012. The exemption will be granted automatically. Persons who wish to apply for those exemptions for the first time should call 828-465-8426 to receive the proper form.