

# **Office of the School Tax Collector**

## **School Tax Collector: Rebecca Marshall**

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### **Hours of Collection:**

Beginning September 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-4:00PM

Office will be open Friday, September 30, 2016

Closed Holidays

### **School Tax Collection**

Payments may be mailed to: **Rebecca Marshall, Tax Collector**  
**P.O. Box 394**  
**DeRuyter, NY 13052**

Payments can be made by check or cash in person at the Tax Office which is located at 735 Utica Street, DeRuyter, NY 13052 on the first floor of the Genevieve D. Staley Civic Center. (The DeRuyter Town Clerk's Office)

To pay tax bills online using Visa, Mastercard or Echeck go to <http://egov.basny.com/deruyter>. You can also view or print tax bills/receipts through the above link.

September 1- September 30 Payable with No Penalty,

October 1- October 31 Payable with 2% penalty

School tax collection ends October 31st. Please contact your County Treasurer for payment information after that date.

Madison County Treasurer: 315-366-2371

Onondaga County Dept. of Finance: 315-435-2426

Chenango County Treasurer: 607-337-1414

Cortland County Treasurer: 607-753-5070

# Frequently Asked Questions

**1. I never received my bill, or received it late, do I still have to pay the penalty?**

Yes, the failure to mail a statement or the failure of a property owner to receive a statement does not in any way affect the validity of the taxes or interest prescribed by law (New York State Real Property Tax Law 922). In addition, neither the Receiver of Taxes nor any other official has legal authority to waive statutory penalty charges.

**2. If I mail my payment on the due date do I have to pay a penalty?**

New York State Real Property Tax Law 925 states that if a tax payment is mailed, the United States postmark date is considered the date of payment:

“Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this chapter, or of any general, special or local law, code or charter, if payment for the amount of any taxes on real property, accompanied by the statement of such taxes, is enclosed in a postpaid wrapper properly addressed to the appropriate collecting officer and is deposited in a post office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States post office, such payment shall, upon delivery, be deemed to have been made to such officer on the date of the United States postmark on such wrapper. If the postmark does not appear on such wrapper or the postmark is illegible such payment shall be deemed to have been made on the date of delivery to such collecting officer.”

“A postage meter postmark is not a postmark by the United States Post Office and, therefore, is not within the provisions of Real Property Tax Law 925. Payments cannot be deemed timely because of a postage meter postmark date on an envelope containing a tax payment (Opinion. New York State Comptroller. 69-170).”

If taxes are not received until after the due date, they are not paid until after the due date unless they fall squarely within the provisions of section 925 of the Real Property Tax Law, and the penalty must be added and collected and no town employee or official can waive the penalty (Opinion. New York State Comptroller. 68-626).

**3. Do you accept payment with credit cards?**

To pay taxes online using Visa, Mastercard or Echeck go to <http://egov.basny.com/deruyter>.

**4. Can I pay my school taxes in installments?**

No, payment must be made in full.

## **5. How do I change the address on my tax bill?**

To change the address on your tax bill, please contact the assessor for your Town:

**DeRuyter: 315-367-1352, Stephen Harris**

**Cuyler: 607-842-6289, William Bearup**

**Cazenovia: 315-655-9213, Brian Fitts**

**Lincklaen: 315-308-0054, Steven Graham**

**Otselic: 607-334-6253, Richard Rifanburg**

**Georgetown: 315-684-9052, Brian Fitts**

**Nelson: 315-668-9931, Rhonda Weigand**

**Fabius: 315-682-1169, Larry Fitts**

Helpful links:

New York State Real Property Tax Information

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/default.htm>

New York State STAR information

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star>