



TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

Tax Collections Office

Tax Sale Information

The Town of Cumberland conducts its tax sale for delinquent property taxes in January of each year. The tax sale is conducted pursuant to Chapter 9, Title 44 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island and serves as a way for the Town to enforce the lien that attaches automatically each year per R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-9-1. Notice of the tax sale is given to taxpayers by first-class mail at least 90 days before the tax sale, by certified mail at least 40 days prior to the sale, and by posting notifications in public places. Public notifications identifying all parcels that are subject to sale are published in the newspapers The Times and The Valley Breeze, and are posted in the Town Hall, Police Department, and Public Library.

If a parcel of real estate is sold at the tax sale, then during the first year from the date of the tax sale (unless a shorter period is provided in the Rhode Island laws) the taxpayer (or any other party) can redeem the property from the Town or from tax sale purchaser by tendering the full amount of taxes owed, plus costs, penalties, and interest. After one year has passed from the date of the sale, the property may be redeemed from the tax sale purchaser at any time up until a final decree is entered in Rhode Island Superior Court forever foreclosing the right of redemption.

Taxpayers that are delinquent in taxes are reminded to contact the Tax Collector's office to obtain the balance due and instructions on payment to avoid their property from being sold at tax sale.