The property tax foreclosure process can be confusing. We’d like to answer any questions you might have. We can also help you develop a payment strategy. Please call us at 734-222-6600 or send an email to Taxes@Washtenaw.org.

Delinquent Property Tax Timeline for 2023 Taxes

On March 1, 2024
Unpaid 2023 taxes become “delinquent” and payable to Washtenaw County Treasurer
- 4% Administrative Fee added
- Interest begins to accrue at 12% per year

On Oct 1, 2024
$15 fee added

On Nov 1, 2024
Parcel added to preliminary forfeiture list

By Feb 1, 2025
Mortgage lenders and banks may be notified

March 31, 2026
Redemption rights expire if taxes are not paid and property ownership transfers to the Washtenaw County Treasurer
Evictions can begin as early as April 1
File Form 5743 prior to July 1 to claim remaining proceeds

February 2026
Court Hearing held and Judge signs Foreclosure Order

January/February 2026
Show Cause Hearing held

Between June 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026
- Title research to identify owners and lienholders
- Personal visit made to forfeited property
- Mortgage lenders, banks and other lienholders notified
- Publish foreclosure list in newspaper Dec 1

June 2025
- Foreclosure petition filed in Circuit Court
- $40 visit fee added

On March 1, 2025
- Minimum of $255 in fees added
- Property forfeited to County Treasurer
- Interest rate increased to 18% per year retroactive to March 1, 2024

On Nov 1, 2024
Parcel added to preliminary forfeiture list

July-December 2026
July 1 deadline for Form 5743 to claim remaining proceeds
Property sold at auction

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