

TOWN OF STONINGTON - OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
10-01-2015 Grand List

SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX INFORMATION

What is a Supplemental Motor Vehicle Tax?

A Supplemental motor vehicle tax is a tax on motor vehicles newly registered between the dates of October 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016.

When is the Supplemental Tax Due?

A Supplemental tax is due in full in one installment on January 1, 2017. As with all municipal taxes, you have until the first business day of the following month to pay your tax without interest. The last day to pay this year is February 1, 2017.

How is the Supplemental Tax different from a motor vehicle that is due in July?

The taxes due in July are for the vehicles that were registered to you as of October 1, 2015. A vehicle that was registered after that date is put on a supplemental list to be billed the following January.

The motor vehicle taxes on the regular October 1, 2015 grand list (due July 1, 2016) are for the period from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Under certain circumstances the regular grand list vehicles may be prorated to cover the period from October 1, 2016 until the vehicle was no longer in your possession or registered in another state.

A Supplemental motor vehicle tax is prorated from the month your vehicle is first registered through September 30, 2015.

This bill has two cars listed on it. One is for my old car and one is my new car. I used the same plate when I registered my new car.

The registration plate is the whole key to a credit. ***Keep reading!***

I paid taxes in July for a car I traded in last spring. You said I had to pay the whole bill and I would get a credit on my new car. Where is it?

You should have a "credit vehicle" on your tax bill. The credit is not in dollars and cents but in **assessment dollars**. For example, let's say on October 1, 2015 you had a vehicle registered that had an assessed value of \$1000. Your tax would be \$22.31 due and payable on July 1, 2016. In April 2016 you traded in your \$1000 car for one with an assessed value of \$4000. Your new car's assessment would be pro-rated to cover April 2016 through September 2016 at 50% which would bring the assessment down to \$2000. Your old vehicle, which you already paid taxes on would be pro-rated for the period of time that you did not own it, and that would be your credit. Your \$1000 vehicle

would entitle you to a 50% credit of \$500 assessment dollars towards your new car. Your new car's net assessment on which you would be taxed, would then be \$1500.

- ✓ **New Car Assessment:** \$4000
- ✓ **Prorated New Car Assessment:**
(from 4/2011-9/2011) 50% of
tax year \$2000
- ✓ **Credit for Old Car:**
50% of tax year - \$ 500
- ✓ **Net Assessment:**
For which tax is due \$1500

THIS IS CONFUSING! Who made these rules and regulations?

It wasn't us! The Supplemental motor vehicle tax laws are found in Section 12-71b of the Connecticut State Statutes.

I moved out of Stonington last year and paid you taxes in July for my cars. Now you are sending me a bill for a car that we bought after we moved. How can you do that? We didn't even own the car while we lived there!!

No, you didn't, but the car that you transferred the plates from was taxed here on the October 1, 2015 grand list. In order for you to receive the "credit" mentioned in the previous questions and answers, we must bill you for your new car. The Town that you live in now cannot give you credit for taxes paid to the Town of Stonington in July. Hopefully, though, this should be the last tax bill you get from us. If your cars were correctly registered in your new Town as of October 1, 2016 then your new Town will bill you in July 2017.

I am still confused. I don't want to pay a bill I don't understand. How do I get more help?

We know that supplemental tax bills are confusing and very difficult to understand. That's why we wrote this information sheet. If you feel better talking to one of the staff members of the Assessor's office or the Tax Collector's office, please feel free to call. We will do our best to help you.

Assessor's Office: (860) 535-5098
Tax Collector's Office: (860) 535-5080

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