

RUTH "SKI" PIETRUSZEWSKI
Martin County Tax Collector

<https://taxcol.martin.fl.us>

On our website, click on location for photo and pop-up map.

OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

Call (772) 288-5600

Taxes 772-288-5595

Auto Tags 772-288-5600

Special Assessments 772-288-5604

Tourist Development Tax 772-288-5976

Concealed Weapons 772-419-4541

MAIN OFFICE

3485 SE Willoughby Blvd.
Stuart, FL 34994

HOBE SOUND BRANCH

11734 SE Federal Hwy.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

INDIANTOWN BRANCH

16550 SW Warfield Blvd.
Indiantown, FL 34956

PALM CITY BRANCH

3001 SW Martin Downs Blvd.
Palm City, FL 34990

• Drive-Thru Service

DIVISION OF DRIVER LICENSES

Walk-in services offered at:

Main Office, Palm City, Indiantown and
Hobe Sound.

Road Test by Appointment Only

NEW!

*HAZMAT Endorsements
- Main Office only

*Concealed Weapons License Applications and
Renewals - Main Office only

*Florida-born Birth Certificates
- Palm City Office only

PROPERTY APPRAISER: 772-288-5608

Responsible for exemptions, assessed value, taxable value, legal description, owner (s) names and address, address changes, and preparation of current Ad Valorem tax roll.

TAX COLLECTOR - 772-288-5600

Responsible for preparation and mailing tax notices based on information contained on the current tax roll certified by the Property Appraiser and Non-Ad Valorem assessments provided by the levying authorities.

TAX COLLECTOR DOES NOT DETERMINE HOW MUCH TO COLLECT AND HAS NO CONTROL OVER MILLAGE RATES OR ASSESSMENTS.

TAXING AUTHORITIES

Responsible for setting Ad Valorem millage rates. See your tax bill for each taxing authorities millage rate and phone number.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED



HONORABLE
Ruth "Ski" Pietruszewski
MARTIN COUNTY
TAX COLLECTOR



**"HELPING OUR
COMMUNITY
ONE DOLLAR
AT A TIME"**

Over \$4 million in net income was earned above operating costs by our office through effective management, increased efficiencies, and motivated teamwork. The funds were distributed to the taxing authorities of Martin County to help them keep our taxes lower.

2018 Tax Payment Information

PAY IN PERSON:

Visit any of our conveniently located branches.

Please make checks payable to Ruth Pietruszewski, Tax Collector.

Checks - All checks must be made payable in U.S. Funds and drawn on U.S. dollar bank account.

Credit Cards - Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards are accepted at all branches and are subject to a 2.5% convenience fee charged by the electronic processing company.

PAY BY MAIL:

Use the enclosed envelope and send the bottom portion of your tax bill with your check or money order in U.S. Funds payable to Ruth Pietruszewski, Tax Collector. When paying by check, please do not combine property tax payments with other payments collected in our office (e.g., pet licenses, alarms, DMV renewals, etc.). Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, if you wish to receive a validated receipt. Otherwise your canceled check may be used as your receipt. We do not accept postdated checks.

PAY ONLINE:

- E-checks are a Free electronic payment from your checking account.
- Payment may be made by MasterCard, Discover, VISA or American Express but a 2.5% convenience fee will be charged by the electronic processing company.

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PAY BEFORE APRIL 1, 2019:

Live Delinquent Tax Search.

All unpaid taxes become delinquent on April 1, 2019. A 3% interest penalty plus advertising costs are added to all unpaid real estate taxes.

ONLY CERTIFIED FUNDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS OF APRIL 1, 2019.

Delinquent taxes must be received in our office by the last working day of the month, otherwise the next month's payoff will apply.

PAY BY DISCOUNT PERIOD:

- Pay by Nov 30 and receive a 4% discount
- Pay by Dec 31 and receive a 3% discount
- Pay by Jan 31 and receive a 2% discount
- Pay by Feb 28 and receive a 1% discount
- No discount if paid in March

If mailed - Discount is determined by postmark date.

PARTIAL PAYMENTS ON CURRENT TAXES:

Taxpayers may elect to pay current taxes by any amount of partial payments. Partial payments are not eligible for any discounts and each payment is subject to a \$10 processing fee as set forth in F.S. 197.374 (3). Taxpayer must sign and return affidavit on the back of their tax notice each year taking responsibility for maintaining records of their balance due. Any remaining balance that is not paid before April 1st becomes delinquent and shall be handled in the same manner as any other unpaid taxes.

INSTALLMENT PLAN NEXT YEAR'S TAXES

An application must be filed with the Tax Collector prior to May 1, 2019, to pay your 2019 property taxes by the installment plan. Florida Law requires that your estimated taxes be more than \$100.00 to participate in the Installment Payment Plan.

- 1st Installment is made by June 30 and is eligible for 6% discount. If 1st installment is made in July, a 5% penalty is added. **(You must make this 1st installment to remain on the installment plan.)**
- 2nd installment due by Sept 30 and is eligible for 4.5% discount
- 3rd installment due by Dec 31 and eligible for 3% discount
- 4th installment due by March 31 at no available discount.

Re-application is not necessary if you participated in this plan for the current year.

DEFERRAL OF HOMESTEAD TAXES:

Persons entitled to homestead tax deferral must make application to the Tax Collector by March 31st, if they wish to receive the deferral for the previous year. F.S.197.2423(1). The amount of homestead taxes that may be deferred is based on household income from the prior year and/or age.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY:

TPP is business equipment used in the operation of business. The same discount periods and payment options apply. The tax becomes delinquent if unpaid on April 1st.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX:

The Tourist Tax applies to all rentals of 6 months or less including hotels, motels, mobile homes and R.V. Parks, apartments, duplexes, cottages, condominiums, Interval Ownerships, and single family homes. All owners of properties that are rented for 6 months or less are required to collect the 5% LOCAL OPTION TOURIST TAX. You must report and pay the tax to the Tax Collector. To receive returns you must file an application with the Tax Collector. This tax is separate and in addition to the 6% tax collected by the Florida Department of Revenue.



Online payment and account maintenance.

Penalties and interest are applied to these taxes if not paid as the law provides. If you need an application or further information, please call (772) 288-5976.



BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS

Business Tax Renewals online

REAL-TIME

View our average customer wait time at the Stuart, Palm City, Indiantown and Hobe Sound Office LIVE on our website <https://taxcol.martin.fl.us>