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Denver stops mailing paper property tax bills

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Denver is no longer mailing all homeowners their property tax bills as the city's statements move online.

Residents began receiving postcards in the mail this week, directing them to check their tax statements online at Denvergov.org/property. The move to the online system, which began last year, will save the city about \$100,000 annually in mailing costs, said Laura Swartz, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Finance, as well as prevent the use of nearly 500,000 pieces of paper.

"We see this as a huge benefit for most residents," said Swartz.

But the change may pose inconveniences for some homeowners without computers. Residents who don't have online access can request that the city mail them a copy by calling 720-913-9300 or 311. All Denver Public Library branches also have free access to computers and printers.

The new system allows residents to see multiple years of their property tax statements, rather than just the current year's charges.

The way that residents pay their taxes hasn't changed, Swartz said. They can still pay via mail or online at Denvergov.org/property taxes. Property owners can also visit the Taxpayer Services Center on the first floor of the Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 W. Colfax Ave., to pay in person.

Homeowners with mortgages often have their property taxes paid automatically by their mortgage company, with the cost wrapped into their monthly payments.