

NEW HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST

_____ **Property Tax.** For residential properties, the first half is due May 15th & the second half, October 15th. Depending on when you close, and what was determined at the time of sale, you may be responsible for property taxes. You may wish to reference your closing statement or check with your financial institution to find out how your taxes will be paid.

_____ **Payment options.** A full list of payment options and due dates are available on our website. Click the link for options: <http://www.co.brown.mn.us/pay-taxes>

_____ **Email Alerts.** Excellent option if you are paying by check! Receive an email reminding you of payment due dates. Sign up by e-mailing bctreasurer@co.brown.mn.us Be sure to put “EMAIL ALERTS” in the subject line.

_____ **Contact Information.** Please notify the Auditor-Treasurers Office at 233-6613 of updates to your address, phone numbers and email addresses.

_____ **Homestead.** Properties classified as homestead are eligible to have a portion of their value excluded from property tax, thereby reducing the tax amount. Verify that you have applied by contacting the Brown County Assessor’s office at 233-6606 or visit their department page for an application and more information at: <https://www.co.brown.mn.us/assessor-forms-links> .

_____ **Voter Registration.** If you wish to vote, you will need to register at your new address. Stop by our office or the License Bureau (it can be done with a driver’s license update) or register online at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/ and click “Register Online”.

_____ **Driver’s License & Vehicle Registration.** Update your driver’s license information after moving. This can be done at Brown County License Bureau located at 1900 N Franklin, New Ulm MN.

_____ **Property Tax Refunds.** As a homeowner, you may qualify for a property tax refund. Check out eligibility requirements or file online at: <https://www.mndor.state.mn.us/tp/propertytaxrefund/> / Deadline to file is August 15th each year.