

Strategies to Reduce Property Tax Arrears

Municipality	# of years in Arrears to Register lien	Approximate # of liens registered per year	Payment required to discharge lien	Properties Listed for Tax Sale (2018) ¹	Extension Agreements	Use of Bailiff	Reminder Notices
Hamilton	3 years	300-500	Partial to clear 3 rd year	16 ²	yes	no	4 / year
London	3 years	125-200	Partial to clear 3 rd year	11	no	no	9 / year
Toronto	3 years	100	Payment in full	None	no	yes	5 / year
Brampton	3 years ³	50	Payment in full	2	yes	yes	2 / year
Burlington	3 years ³	> 10	Payment in full	None	yes	no	4 / year
Sudbury	3 years ³	230 (in 2018)	Payment in full	30	yes	no	4 / year
Kitchener	3 years	0 (2018)	Partial to clear 3 rd year	1	no	no	4 / year
Windsor	3 years	Min 65-95	Payment in full	34	yes	no	2 nd and Final notice only if significant arrears
Barrie	3 years	100+	Payment in full	None	yes	no	4 / year
Thunder Bay	2 years	36 (118 in 2018 when moved to 2 years)	Payment in full	7	yes	no	4 / year

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Ajax	3 years	20-25	Payment in full	None	no	yes	3 / year
Milton	3 years		Payment in full	None	yes		7 / year
Brock	3 years	10	Payment in full	2	yes	no	7 / year
Lambton	2 years	7	Payment in full	3	yes	no	4 / year

¹ as advertised in the Ontario Gazette (required under the Municipal Act)

² of the 16 properties advertised for tax sale in the City of Hamilton, only 4 proceeded to the actual sale, as the remainder were subsequently rectified by the taxpayer.

³ investigating moving to 2 years