



City of Yonkers Increases Sales and Use Tax Rate Effective September 1, 2015

Beginning **September 1, 2015**, the city of Yonkers, in Westchester County, is increasing its local sales and use tax rate. The combined state and local tax rate in the city of Yonkers increases from 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ % to 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ %. This new tax rate applies to all taxable sales, services, deliveries, and uses in the city of Yonkers.

Reporting taxable sales and uses

Main return: Use the Yonkers (city) 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ % entry line to report taxable sales and uses in the city of Yonkers.

Schedule B - Part 1: Use the Yonkers (city) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % entry line to report sales of residential gas, propane (100 pounds or more), electricity, and steam.

Schedule B - Part 2: Use the Yonkers (city) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % entry line to report sales of residential coal, fuel oil, and wood (for heating).

Schedule H: Use the Yonkers (city) 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ % entry line to report sales and uses of clothing and footwear eligible for exemption.

Schedule FR: Use the Yonkers (city) 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % entry line to report the local sales tax on retail sales and uses of qualified motor fuel and highway diesel motor fuel. New York State's cents-per-gallon rate in the city of Yonkers remains 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ (.0875) cents per gallon.

Special transitional exceptions

Taxable sales and uses made on or after September 1, 2015, are taxed at 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, except as described below.

Admissions

Report taxable admissions to an event occurring on or after September 1, 2015, at the higher rate of 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, whether or not the admission charge was paid before that date, unless the tickets were sold and delivered before September 1, 2015, to the person attending the event.

Hotel occupancy

Report all taxable daily rentals occurring before September 1, 2015, at the lower rate of 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ %. Report all taxable daily rentals occurring on or after September 1, 2015, at the higher rate of 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ %. If the rental is on other than a daily basis, prorate the amount of rent between the number of days taxable at the higher rate and the number of days taxable at the lower rate.

Layaway sales

Report sales and uses at the lower rate of 8³/₈% only if both of the following conditions are met:

- before May 1, 2015, a written agreement was made and the item sold was segregated from other similar property in the possession of the vendor, and
- before September 1, 2015, the purchaser has paid at least 10% of the sales price.

Pre-existing lump sum or unit price construction contracts

Contractors purchasing materials in the city of Yonkers for use in construction contracts pay the rate of 8³/₈% on purchases made before September 1, 2015, and 8⁷/₈% on purchases made on or after September 1, 2015. Contractors who irrevocably entered into a pre-existing lump sum or unit price construction contract before July 30, 2015 (the date on which the local legislation was adopted), may request a credit or refund of the additional 1/2% local sales and use tax paid on or after September 1, 2015. This credit or refund applies only to purchases of tangible personal property used solely in the performance of the contract.

Social and athletic club dues

Report all dues covering periods that begin before September 1, 2015, at the lower rate of 8³/₈%. Report all dues covering any period that begins on or after September 1, 2015, at the higher rate of 8⁷/₈%, regardless of the date the bill is mailed.

Telephone answering services

Report charges for services provided before September 1, 2015, at the lower rate of 8³/₈%. Report charges for services provided on or after September 1, 2015, at the higher rate of 8⁷/₈%. For services covering a period beginning before and ending on or after September 1, 2015, prorate the charges.

Telephone bills

Report charges for services furnished before the date of the first bill dated in September 2015 at the lower rate of 8³/₈%, even though the services may be furnished on or after September 1, 2015. Report charges for services furnished on or after the date of the first bill dated in September 2015 at the higher rate of 8⁷/₈%.

Utility bills - gas and electricity based on meter readings

Report the sale at the higher rates if the meter is read on or after September 1, 2015, and the number of days from September 1, 2015, to the date of the meter reading is more than half the total number of days covered by the bill.