

Quick Reference Guide to South Dakota

Type of Tax Sale:

Tax Lien

How Tax Sale Buyers Get Title / Owner Loses Property:

A tax lien is sold, and 3 or 4 years after the lien is sold (depending on whether the property is located within a municipality) the buyer may apply for a tax deed, to be issued 60 days after notice of the expiration of the redemption period. After 2006 liens are taken over by the county and not sold to the public in most areas.

Governmental Body Holding Tax Sale:

Treasurer/Auditor involved in recordkeeping

Public Access Law:

Includes electronic records in the definition of public records, but does not specifically compel agencies to provide electronic records electronically, or even mention a requirement to give copies of any record. Nothing indicates the release of the records we need is prohibited, however.

How to Get List of Tax-Delinquent Properties:

A list of delinquent taxpayers is published annually. A tax lien list is prepared before the 3-4 year redemption period begins, and as of this writing the counties acquire all tax liens. A tax list is kept of all properties with tax liens sold against them and not redeemed.

How to Get Your DeedGrabber "Last Minute" List

Look at the tax list for properties that had a lien sold against them 3-6 years ago and not redeemed.
