

The town held a tax sale for unpaid real property taxes and the redemption period expired. Does the new property owner own the contents of the house?

At the end of the redemption period, the delinquent tax collector transfers the title of the real property to the successful bidder. 32 V.S.A. § 5261. The contents of the house are not part of the sale and therefore not the responsibility of the town to determine ownership. The new property owner likely does not own the contents of the house and should contact a private attorney to determine what steps are necessary to determine ownership.

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