



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
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**2012 Statewide Court Fine Amnesty Program**

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - The Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo will be participating in the one-time court fine amnesty program. This state-mandated program, authorized by the California Legislature (AB 1358), allows individuals the opportunity to settle their court fines for a fifty percent discount. The program will run from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Individuals eligible to participate in this program have failed to pay their court fine and, as a result, either had a DMV hold or suspension placed on their driver's license, a warrant issued for their arrest, and/or their case referred to collections. Qualifying fines include those involving certain Vehicle Code and non-Vehicle Code infraction violations (mainly traffic violations). Parking citations, driving under the influence, or reckless driving cases are not eligible for the program.

To qualify for the fifty percent discount on their court fines, an individual must have an overdue court fine where the amount owed was due to be paid in full before January 1, 2009, and no payments were made after that date. This program is not open to those who owe restitution to victims in any other court case within San Mateo County or those with outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants for their arrest in the county.

The amnesty program aims to provide an opportunity for State and local governments to generate much needed revenue while granting individuals the opportunity to clear their long standing delinquent debt at a reduced rate.

More information regarding the Amnesty Program and how to apply is located on the court's website at [www.sanmateocourt.org](http://www.sanmateocourt.org).

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