ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY: All persons liable to pay taxes are hereby notified to declare all tangible personal property owned by them on October 1, 2026. Non-residents are required to declare property located in any town for any three months preceding October 1, 2026. Assessors mail declaration forms to all property owners previously on record. Failure to receive a form does not negate the requirement to declare. Forms are available online and in the Assessors' Office. Failure to declare by November 2, 2026 will result in a 25% PENALTY assessment.

Taxable personal property includes: unregistered motor vehicles (e.g. motor homes, tent or truck campers, travel trailers, passenger cars, tractors, off-road construction vehicles, commercial use trailers, etc.), motor vehicles located in Connecticut but registered in another state, horses and ponies, mobile manufactured homes not assessed as real estate, manufacturing machinery and equipment, business furniture and fixtures, farm machinery, farming tools, mechanics tools, electronic data processing equipment, telecommunications equipment, cables, conduits, pipes, poles, business expensed supplies and other property such as billboards, video games, vending machines, leasehold improvements, etc. Real property and Connecticut registered motor vehicles do not need to be declared.

VETERANS who served for ninety days or more during a time of war or have been disabled must record their honorable discharge with the Town Clerk no later than September 30, 2026 to receive a minimum of 1,000 assessment exemption. Disabled Veterans need to file proof of their VA rating with the Assessor to receive an increased exemption. 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans must also file the D-2 application annually before January 4, 2027 to the Assessor with the most recent proof of their VA rating to receive the property tax exemption under Public Acts 24-26 & 25-168.

ADDITIONAL VETERANS' EXEMPTION: Increased exemptions are available for those who meet necessary income requirements and the above Veterans criteria. An application along with proof of calendar year 2025 income must be filed with the Assessor biennially. Filings for this year must be received in the Assessors' Office no later than October 1, 2026.

ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS may obtain an exemption on one passenger motor vehicle by filing an application with the Assessor.

TOTALLY DISABLED: Any person under the age of 65, eligible to receive permanent total disability payments, must apply to receive a 1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof prior to the close of the Grand List.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Eligible farmers must file the notarized exemption application no later than November 2, 2026.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be exempt. Eligible manufacturers must complete and file the MME Exemption Application by November 2, 2026.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS with a gross vehicle rating over 26,000 lbs. should check with the Assessors' Office for tax exemption eligibility. Applications must be completed and filed with the Assessor by November 2, 2026.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the first time, or to amend an original filing for changes in ownership, use or acreage must file between September 1st and November 2, 2026 with the Assessor, or December 31, 2026 if the town is conducting a revaluation. Persons applying for Forest Land classification must also have a PA490 Certified State Forester's Report dated by October 1, 2026.

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