

Legal Notice

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, 2023. Non-residents are required to declare property located in any town for any three months preceding October 1, 2023. 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 Assessor's Office. Failure to declare by November 1, 2023 will result in a 25% PENALTY assessment.

Taxable personal property includes: unregistered motor vehicles, 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, telecommunication 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, 2023 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.

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 income must be filed with the Assessor biennially. Filings for this year must be received in the Assessor's Office no later than October 1, 2023.

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 by January 31, 2024 to receive a 1,000 assessment exemption. Applicants must furnish proof of award.

FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT: Eligible farmers must file the notarized exemption application no later than November 1, 2023.

MANUFACTURING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT installed in a manufacturing facility and used in the manufacturing process may be allowed exemption. Eligible manufacturers must complete and file the MME Exemption Application by November 1, 2023.

NEW COMMERCIAL TRUCKS with a gross vehicle rating in excess of 26,000 lbs. should check with the Assessor's office for tax exemption eligibility. Applications must be completed and filed with the Assessor by November 1, 2023.

LAND CLASSIFICATION: Persons seeking to classify land under Farm, Forest or Open Space for the first time, or to amend an original filing (ownership, use or acreage) must file between September 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023 with the Assessor. Persons applying for Forest Land classification must also have a PA490 Certified State Forester's Report dated by October 1, 2023.

All forms are available on-line at <https://ashfordtownhall.org/documents/assessor-personal-property-declarations-and-forms/> and in the document case on the wall outside the Assessor's Office.