

\$\$\$ REFUNDS

You may qualify for one or both refunds from the State of Minnesota based on your 2017 Property Taxes.

If you owned and occupied this property as your homestead on January 2, 2016, you *may* qualify for one or both of the following refunds:

- The Property Tax Refund** – If your taxes exceed certain income-based thresholds, and your total household income is less than \$108,660.
- The Special Homestead Credit Refund** – If you also owned and occupied this property as your homestead on January 2, 2016 and **both** of the following are true:
 - The net property tax on your homestead increased by more than 12 percent from 2016 to 2017, and
 - The increase was at least \$100, not due to improvements on the property.

If you need Form M1PR and instructions:



www.revenue.state.mn.us



(651) 296-3781



Minnesota Tax Forms
Mail Station 1421
St. Paul, MN 55146-1421

Make sure to provide your Property ID Number on your M1PR to ensure prompt processing.

Senior Citizens' Property Tax Deferral

The Senior Citizen Deferral Program provides a low-interest loan to senior citizens having difficulty paying property taxes. This is not a tax forgiveness program, however, this program:

- Limits the maximum of property tax paid to 3% of total household income, and
- Ensures the amount of tax paid remains the same as long as you participate in this program.

To be eligible, you must file an application by July 1, 2017, as well as:

- Be at least 65 years old,
- Have a household income of \$60,000 or less, and
- Have lived in your home for at least 15 years.

To receive a fact sheet and application for this program, go to www.revenue.state.mn.us and type keyword "deferral" into the search box, or call the Minnesota Department of Revenue at (651) 556-4803.

Penalty for Late Payment of Property Tax

If you pay your first half or second half property tax after the due dates, a penalty will be added to your tax. The later you pay, the greater the penalty you must pay. The table below shows the penalty amounts added to your tax if your property taxes are not paid before the date shown.

Property Type:	2017											2018
	May 16	June 1	July 1	Aug 1	Sept 1	Oct 1	Oct 17	Nov 1	Nov 16	Dec 1	Jan 2	
Homestead and Cabins	1st half	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	-	8%	10%
	2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	6%	-	8%	10%
	Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	7%	-	8%	10%
Agricultural Homesteads	1st half	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%
	2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	8%	10%
	Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7%	8%	10%
Nonhomesteads	1st half	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	-	12%	14%
	2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	8%	-	12%	14%
	Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	10%	-	12%	14%
Agricultural Nonhomesteads	1st half	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	12%	12%	12%	14%
	2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	12%	14%
	Both Unpaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	12%	14%
Personal Property	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Manufactured Homes	1st half	-	-	-	-	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
	2nd half	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	8%	8%

Personal Property Located on Leased Government-owned Land:

Taxes may be paid in two installments due at the same time as real property taxes. These taxes are subject to the same penalty schedule and penalty rates as real property taxes. All other personal property taxes are due in full on or before May 15, 2017.

Note to manufactured home owners: The title to your manufactured home cannot be transferred unless all current and delinquent personal property taxes due at the time of the transfer are paid.

Available online, all the time! Access our Washington County website at www.co.washington.mn.us to:

- Select the **Property Taxes** tab to pay your property taxes online or to access your property tax information. You may pay your property taxes by either credit card or electronic check.
- Select the **NOTIFY ME** tab to subscribe to receive an email payment reminder each May and October.

THIS STUB MUST ACCOMPANY SECOND HALF PAYMENT

Pay on or before the due date to avoid penalty

Please note:

- Be certain this statement covers your property. Washington County is not responsible when taxes are paid on the wrong property.
- Do not send post dated checks. Checks cannot be held for any reason. They will be processed when received.
- Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before the due date.
- Visa, MasterCard, Discover and eChecks are available as payment methods online at www.co.washington.mn.us

This is the only statement mailed to you. If you refinance or discontinue paying your taxes with your mortgage payments, **it is your responsibility** to contact our office to determine any taxes remaining due.

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