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# Clatsop County to Mail Property Tax Statements by October 16, 2024

(Astoria, OR) — Clatsop County will mail approximately 33,560 property tax statements to real and personal property owners by **October 16, 2024**.

Property owners who have signed up for e-Statements will not receive a mailed statement but will instead receive their tax statement via email. To sign up for an e-Statement for the 2025 tax year, visit <u>Clatsop County e-Statements</u>.

This year's property tax statements account for a total of **\$116.3 million** which will pay for:

- County Government Services public safety, road improvements, elections, public health
- City Services police, fire protection, urban renewal projects
- Education K-12, Clatsop Community College, NW ESD
- Port of Astoria
- Rural Fire
- Special Districts

This is an increase of **\$5.4 million** (**5%**) compared to last year. The increase in taxes is due to several factors including the 3% increase in assessed value on most properties, value due to new construction activity and new or increased taxing district levies and bonds.

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If you live in a taxing district that has new voter-approved bonds or local option levies, your property taxes may increase more than the anticipated 3%. **These new levies and bonds approved by the voters will be reflected in this year's tax bills.** 

For more information visit <u>clatsopcounty.gov</u>.

## 2024/2025 Significant Tax Roll Increases

- City of Warrenton Local Option Levy for Police Operations: 2024/25 LO Rate \$.34 (Renewed with .06 increase)
- Cannon Beach RFPD Local Option Levy for Emergency Services Operations: 2024/25 LO Rate \$1.50

#### **Discounts**

Residents are encouraged to pay their taxes early to take advantage of the discounts available to them.

- 3% discount is given to those who pay in full by November 15, 2024
- 2% discount is given to those who pay 2/3 by November 15, 2024
- Payment of at least 1/3 is due by December 15, 2024, with no discount being applied

Property tax payments must be paid in full and received or postmarked by November 15, 2024, to be eligible for the 3% discount on property taxes due.

## **Payment Deadline**

Clatsop County recognizes that many in our community experience economic challenges every year. Please note, Oregon state law sets the deadline when property tax payments are due and requires that interest be charged on delinquent taxes as of December 16. Clatsop County does not have the statutory authority to extend the payment deadline, nor waive interest charges on late property tax payments.

#### **Make Checks Payable to: Clatsop County Tax Collector**

#### **Online Payment Options**

Credit Card and Debit Card payments can be made online by going to the Clatsop County Website's Pay Tax Online. Processing fees will apply. See webpage for details.

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## **Online Property Information**

Clatsop County has a <u>searchable property account database</u> which is available to the public via Clatsop County's website. This user-friendly feature gives the public direct access to up-to-date property tax and assessment information.

You will need one of the following:

- Street address
- Property tax account number or
- TAXLOTKEY (ex. 80908CB07100)

Go to ClatsopCounty.gov and click on the "Property Info" link to learn more

#### **Installment Options**

Please refer to the back of your tax statement for installment payment options and due dates.

- If you choose to waive your discount and pay your taxes in three installments, please know our office **DOES NOT** send out trimester reminder notices.
- For those paying in full, please know that your cancelled check is your receipt.

**If you received a yellow statement,** a mortgage company has requested your property tax information from us. Please contact your mortgage company if you have questions regarding your taxes being paid out of your escrow account.