



YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

County and State Online Information

Snohomish County Assessor

<http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Assessor>

The Snohomish County's Assessor provides information on property taxes on the county's web site, including a *Frequently Asked Questions* which includes answers to questions such as:

- Why do we have property tax?
- If assessed value increases, do taxes have to increase?
- If assessed values decrease, do property taxes automatically decrease?
Can I appeal the amount of taxes I will pay or the percentage that my assessment increased?
- What tax relief programs are available?
- What tax relief programs are available for senior citizens or disabled persons?
- I have a senior citizen or disabled person exemption and my taxable value is "frozen", will the new assessment affect my taxes?
- Is it possible to provide a "ballpark estimate" of the property taxes on a piece of property that I am thinking about buying (or a structure that I might build)?

Washington State Department of Revenue

<http://dor.wa.gov>

The state Department of Revenue also provides information online for property owners, which includes an explanation of how property taxes are calculated and what options are available to potentially reduce a property's tax assessment. The following documents, as well as many others, can be downloaded from the Department of Revenue's website:

- Homeowners Guide to Property Taxes
- Open Space Taxation Act
- Property Tax Deferral for Homeowners with Limited Income
- Property Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons
- Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

These documents can be found at: <http://dor.wa.gov/content/GetAFormOrPublicationBySubject>