

-IMPORTANT-

PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2005 TO OUALIFY FOR THE 2005 TAXABLE YEAR. Current Montana Statute provides for tax relief of the elderly and others with low income. The 1995 Legislature amended the qualifying criteria for low income property tax reduction as follows: **A recipient or recipients of employment income, retirement or disability benefits whose total income from all sources including gross business income less expenses and otherwise tax exempt incomes of all types, but not including Social Security income paid directly to a nursing home, and which totals no more than \$17,323, for a single person or \$23,097 for a married couple are entitled to property tax relief. Proof of income is required, preferably in the form of federal or state income tax filings. This will simplify approval of your application.**

The first \$100,000 or less of Market Value of any improvement on real property, a mobile home affixed to the land, or mobile home, plus appurtenant land not exceeding (5) acres, qualifies when such dwelling and land are owned or under Contract for Deed and actually occupied for at least 7 months per year as the primary residential dwelling.

Market Value in excess of \$100,000 will be taxed at normal rates. If you would like to apply or have any questions, please call 896-4000. Thank you.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

SPECIAL DISTRICTS LISTED BELOW ARE IN ADDITION TO YOUR GENERAL TAX

BROADVIEW FIRE DISTRICT #3	0.68 mills	COUNTY REFUSE DISTRICT -	\$18.00
WORDEN FIRE DISTRICT #4	19.17 mills	SOIL CONSERVATION	.49 mills
LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #5	33.49 mills	BILLINGS FIRE HYDRANT	9.11 mills
LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #7	24.00 mills	SHEEP BOUNTY	\$0.60 PER HEAD
LOCKWOOD FIRE DISTRICT #8	84.55 mills		

FIRE SERVICE AREAS

BILLINGS URBAN FIRE SERVICE AREA

	Rate per
<u>Residential</u>	<u>sq. ft.</u>
Living area exclusive of basements	\$0.0942
Outside / Additions area	\$0.03
Minimum charge \$ 35.00	
Maximum charge \$500.00	

	Rate per
<u>Commercial and commercial mobiles</u>	<u>sq. ft.</u>
Main area	\$0.0535
Outside / Additions area	\$0.03
Minimum charge \$35.00	
Maximum charge \$1,500.00	

EXEMPT PROPERTIES

- \$297.00 Flat fee (Schools and Cemeteries)
- \$118.00 Flat fee (Churches Valued less than \$100,000)
- \$297.00 Flat fee (Churches Valued \$100,000-\$1 million)
- \$595.00 Flat fee (Churches Valued over \$1,000,000)

MOBILE HOMES - \$0.0942 sq ft not to exceed \$72.32

LAUREL URBAN FIRE SERVICE AREA

- \$ 65.00 Flat fee (Properties less than \$20,000)
- \$ 97.50 Flat fee (Properties between \$20,000-\$49,999)
- \$130.00 Flat fee (Properties between \$50,000-\$99,999)
- \$162.50 Flat fee (Properties between \$100,000-\$149,999)
- \$195.00 Flat fee (Properties between \$150,000-\$199,999)
- \$227.50 Flat fee (Properties between \$200,00-\$249,999)
- \$260.00 Flat fee (Properties valued over \$250,000)
- \$100.00 Flat fee (Tax exempt properties)

SHEPHERD FIRE SERVICE AREA

- \$ 50.00 Flat fee (Residential)
- \$150.00 Flat fee (Commercial)

HUNTLEY FIRE SERVICE AREA

- \$ 50.00 Flat fee (Residential)
- \$150.00 Flat fee (Commercial)

BLUE CREEK FIRE SERVICE AREA

- \$ 75.00 Flat fee (Mobile Homes)
- \$ 100.00 Flat fee (Residential)
- \$ 300.00 Flat fee (Commercial)