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### **ST. CHARLES COUNTY ASSESSOR TO MAIL 2014 PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATION FORMS, ONLINE FILING AVAILABLE Forms are due by March 1**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** - The St. Charles County Assessor will mail over 164,000 personal property declaration forms by the week of Jan. 20. Like last year, individual personal property owners will be able to file declarations online.

"Last year was the first year individual personal property owners in St. Charles County could file online. It makes the process more convenient," said Scott Shipman, St. Charles County Assessor. "Individual personal property owners can file online any time before the deadline and will receive an automatic confirmation once their declaration is received."

Printed on the personal property declaration is an E-filing website and unique secure code for individual personal property owners to access their accounts. The E-filing website link is also featured on the Assessor's website, <http://assessor.sccmo.org/assessor/>. Those who filed online in 2013 should note that the unique secure code changes each year; the code printed on 2014 personal property declarations should be used to access online accounts this year.

Those who fail to complete their declaration by the March 1 deadline will be charged a late-filing penalty ranging up to \$100.

"When people do not declare their personal property, it impacts the tax rate for everyone in the county," said Shipman. "Completion of the form by the deadline is especially important because it assures a fair and equitable distribution of the tax burden."

Residents and businesses that do not receive a personal property assessment form can download blank forms from the Assessor's website or can contact the St. Charles County Personal Property Department at (636) 949-7420 or 1-800-822-4012, ext. 7420.

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