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### **ST. CHARLES COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN FILE PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS ONLINE IN 2013 Forms are due by March 1**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** - The St. Charles County Assessor's Office will mail approximately 160,000 personal property declaration forms the week of Jan. 21. This year, individual personal property owners will be able to file their declarations online.

"Online filing will make 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 will also be featured on the homepages of the county's website, [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org), and the assessor's website, [assessor.sccmo.org](http://assessor.sccmo.org), by Jan. 21. Those who fail to complete their declaration by the March 1 deadline will be charged a late-filing penalty ranging up to \$100.

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

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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