

Personal Property Assessment Forms Due March 1

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St. Charles County, Missouri - The St. Charles County Assessor's Office will mail out approximately 160,000 personal property declaration forms next week. Residents who fail to return the assessment form by the March 1 deadline will be charged a late-filing penalty ranging up to \$100.00.

County Assessor Scott Shipman said there is always an end-of-the-year rush, mainly for two reasons:

- New residents are not familiar with the personal property declaration requirement.
- Current residents do not complete and return the declaration form to the Assessor.

"Completion of the form by 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."

If residents declare their property by March 1, they will receive a tax bill in October and avoid the late-filing penalty and long lines in December.

St. Charles County residents who do not receive an assessment form to declare their personal property can download a blank assessment form from the county's website www.sccmo.org or contact the Personal Property Department at 636.949.7420 or 1.800.822.4012, ext. 7420. The Assessor's website includes both individual and business personal property assessment forms.

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