



## ASSESSMENT & TAX

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Wasco County certified the 2021-22 tax roll of \$43,117,293.48 on October 11, 2021. Tax statements will be mailed by October 25, 2021. The tax roll includes 30 districts and 3 special assessments; 1 County, 6 Cities, 3 Fire Districts, 9 other General Government Agencies, 6 School Districts, 3 Education Service Districts and 2 Community Colleges.

### Market Conditions:

Real market values continue to trend upward for most residential properties in Wasco County. Many commercial properties saw a downturn in real property values.

South Wasco County residents will most likely see an increase in their tax bills due to the new South Wasco County School District No. 1 Bond that was passed in the November 2020 election. The Bond passed a \$4,000,000 general obligation bond, matched by a \$4,000,000 State grant. The improvements are for remodels, construction, safety, security, technology and accessibility improvements for the district.

Some South County residents may see an offset and/or reduction in their tax rates due to the expiration of 2 local option levies; Dufur Recreation and Shaniko.

How will this all impact my taxes? Ballot Measure 50 dictates a 3% increase in Maximum Assessed Value each year. The lower of the Real Market Value and the Maximum Assessed value will become your Taxable Value, or the amount your taxes are calculated on. For more information check out the video on our website; What is the difference between MAV & RMV.

Tax payments are due November 15, 2021. Payment in full by November 15, 2021, receives a 3% discount. If mailing it must be POSTMARKED with the 11/15/2021 date (this postmark matters). Paying 2/3 by 11/15/2021 receives a 2% discount, 1/3 payment does not receive a discount. Installment payment options are due on 11/15/2021, 2/15/2022 and 5/16/2022.

In a continued effort to prevent, slow and stop the spread of the Coronavirus our customer service will continue to look different this year. We ask that you utilize one of the following options for tax payments during this time.

- We have installed a new payment drop box outside of the Courthouse on 5<sup>th</sup> Street to assist taxpayers during this time of COVID-19 to continue our efforts in protecting the health and safety of our employees and the public.
  - Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a receipt mailed to you.
  - Include an email address if you would like a receipt emailed to you.

Additional payment options are:

- Payment drop slot in the door, Rm 208 at the Wasco County Courthouse, 511 Washington St.
- Mail to US Bank Processing Center in Portland. Payment coupon on the tax statement included.
- If you typically pay in cash, we ask that you consider exchanging cash for a money order and mail your payment.
- On line payment options are also available.
  - ON LINE PAYMENT OPTIONS
  - E -Check payment on line is a \$2.00 flat fee
  - Credit card payments 2.50% fee charged of tax paid (paid to the service provider, not Wasco Co)
  - You can also pay by phone at 844-435-3978
- **We will continue to follow all protocols during this time by limiting in person traffic in the office and requiring masks for in person service.**
- Call our office or send an email, we will be happy to connect with you via video chat to answer questions.

How to find the online payment portal:

[www.co.wasco.or.us/departments/assessment\\_and\\_taxation/index.php](http://www.co.wasco.or.us/departments/assessment_and_taxation/index.php) then click on ON LINE PAYMENTS

Questions:

Tax or value questions, visit our new tax information on line

[www.co.wasco.or.us/departments/assessment\\_and\\_taxation/index.php](http://www.co.wasco.or.us/departments/assessment_and_taxation/index.php) then click on our access to Ascend Web. Also view the informational videos available.

The payment coupon MUST be mailed with your payment to US Bank payment processing center as it has a unique bar code for your payment.

Due date reminder, payments must be **POSTMARKED** with the November 15, 2021 postmark to receive the 3% discount. Simply dropping it in a mail box may not be processed by the USPS until the following day.

Please contact our office with questions concerning tax statements and/or payment options.

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Tax questions 541 506-2540

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