

Property Tax Almanac

2013 Tax Year

April 12, 2013

Annual Notices of Current Assessment have been issued

The Annual Notice of Current Assessment for the 2013 tax year for most residential and commercial properties were issued on April 5. Emails for properties registered in the Electronic Notification Program were issued at 6:30pm; all others were deposited in the U.S. Mail earlier in the day. Not included in this batch were the notices for properties within the city of Buford and notices for properties where the appeal is either still open or was not finalized until after January 1. These notices will be issued on April 17. Annual Notices of Current Assessment for personal property, which includes boats, airplanes, and business equipment, will be issued in mid-May.

If you haven't received your notice in the mail, you can view and print a copy online at www.gwinnett-assessor.com under Filing Made Easy.

The actual tax bill you receive will be based on the location of the property and which service districts apply. As a result, your actual tax bill may be more or less than this estimate. This estimate may not include all eligible exemptions. For more information on which local government is providing services and the corresponding service districts, please visit www.gwinnettservicedistricts.com or [view a video that explains the service districts](#).

Submit your Residential or Commercial Property Appeal online

The filing process may be completed online for 2013. Simply answer the questions concerning your appeal in each step of the program. You may elect to register for the Electronic Dispute Resolution Process, which provides electronic communication and notifications throughout the appeal process. This new process for 2013 will allow our staff to communicate with you by email. If an amended Notice of Value is issued, you would receive it through a secure email link. These actions will expedite the completion of the appeal.

Any supporting valuation documents may be attached to the filing, such as appraisal reports, closing statements, and spreadsheets.



Visit the Tax Assessor's [eFiling Tax Appeal](#) webpage for step-by-step instructions to file your appeal electronically. Appeals must be filed within 45 days from the date on the Annual Notice of Current Assessment. May 20 is the filing deadline for the notices dated April 5, 2013.

Motor vehicle taxation changes for 2013

Effective March 1, House Bill 386 removes the sales tax and the annual ad valorem tax on newly purchased vehicles. It replaces these taxes with a new title tax of 6.5 percent in 2013. Here's what you need to know:

- If you purchase a vehicle on or after March 1, 2013, you will pay the new title tax to the tag agent in the county in which you register the vehicle. This payment is due when you apply for the title and register the vehicle.

- The new title tax is not due every year but is due each time the vehicle is sold and titled. It applies to dealer sales as well as sales between individuals.
- The new title tax is based on a percentage (6.5 percent in 2013) of the fair market value of the vehicle, not the sales price, as determined by the Georgia Department of Revenue.
- Your purchase price may be significantly different than the state's estimate of value. The state's value may be challenged by filing a Motor Vehicle Appeal with the Board of Tax Assessors. Forms and instructions are available at each tag office or call 770.822.7288.
- You will continue to pay the annual ad valorem tax on vehicle(s) that you owned in prior years. This tax will also be determined on the state's estimate of value. The state's value may be challenged by filing a Motor Vehicle Appeal with the Board of Tax Assessors. Forms and instructions are available at each tag office or call 770.822.7288.
- If you purchased a vehicle in Georgia between January 1, 2012, and March 1, 2013 (when the new program began), you have the option of paying the new title tax instead of the current annual ad valorem tax. You have until December 31, 2013, to opt into the new program.
- All other existing annual vehicle registration requirements, including annual tag renewal fees, decals, and emission tests, remain in effect for all vehicle owners.

About the *Property Tax Almanac*

The *Property Tax Almanac* provides information about the 2013 property tax process. Timely topics include: real property tax returns, Notices of Current Assessment, how to appeal, where to get e-forms and additional information, and tax billing and collection dates.

Spread the word

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