



Office of the
KITSAP COUNTY TREASURER

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Dear Taxpayer,

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to you. Your timely payments make it possible for us to fund essential public services such as local schools, public safety, infrastructure projects, and community programs which keep our county strong and thriving. We recognize that paying taxes is a significant responsibility, and we deeply appreciate your commitment, cooperation, and trust in our stewardship of these funds. Thank you for being an essential part of our community's success. If you would like to view an electronic copy of this letter and access the links within, please go to www.kitsap.gov/treasurer.

Tax Payment Drop Boxes

One of the best things about working for Kitsap County is collaborating with other departments and offices to find innovative solutions for our residents. To that end, I would like to thank Paul Andrews and his elections team in the County Auditor's Office for partnering with my office to provide residents with a new way to make their tax payments in April and October.

Starting this year, Kitsap County will be utilizing [27 ballot drop boxes](#) across the county to accept tax payments during the last two weeks of April and October. If payments are deposited in the drop box before the end of the day on April 30th or October 31st, we will accept those payments as paid on time. You will be able to view the receipt of payment on [Parcel Details](#) shortly after month-end.

Kitsap County Investment Pool Update

Under state law, the County Treasurer's Office is responsible for the collection of property tax payments and the distribution of the tax dollars we collect to the county departments/offices and junior taxing districts that directly serve you. What you may not be aware of is that our Office also invests county and district funds through the Kitsap County Investment Pool (KCIP) to maximize return on your taxpayer dollars while ensuring investments are safe and provide adequate liquidity to meet operational cash flow needs. As interest rates have increased over the last few years, our office has strategically extended our investment portfolio duration to lock in higher interest rates before the federal reserve began lowering the Fed Funds Rate in 2025. As a result of this strategy, KCIP has increased pooled interest earnings for local governments across Kitsap County over the past 3 years from \$30.2 Million in 2023 to \$39.8 Million in 2024 and \$46.3 Million in 2025. I am very proud of our proactive strategy to maximize your tax dollars and reduce our interest rate risk during this time of rising costs.

2026 Property Tax Calculations and Distributions

Tax bills for 2026 are based on property values as of January 1, 2025, and reflect your property's share of the budgets of the state, county, and other taxing districts, such as schools, fire departments, emergency services, and ports. Approximately 27% of the property taxes we collect go to the State (K-12), 27% to local schools, 19% to fire districts, 7% to the County general fund, and the remainder to roads, cities, port, water, and other districts that serve you.

Property taxes are entirely budget-based, and WA State allows local district budget increases of 1 percent, plus an allowance for new construction. Changes in taxes for individual properties vary, depending on that property's change in value as compared with others in the district. Other increases may only come in the form of voter-approved levies.

Some taxpayers will see tax increases this year, which are largely a result of local voter-approved levies. Voter-approved Enrichment and Capital Project levies for [North Kitsap School District](#) and a supplement to [Bainbridge Island School District's](#) Enrichment levy increased each district's levy by 9.65% and 7.78% respectively. Voters did



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not renew the Enrichment levy for North Mason School District decreasing their levy by 52.41%. Voter-approved levy lid lifts resulted in levy increases of 17.15% for [Bainbridge Island Fire Department](#) and 44.84% for [Kitsap Regional Library](#). The [City of Bremerton](#) is no longer collecting an approved Fire Apparatus Bond levy decreasing their levy by 2.26%. Additionally, [Village Green Metropolitan Parks](#) and [Port of Indianola](#) used a portion of banked capacity available to increase levies by 9.18% and 5.29% respectively.

Assessor Update

In 2024 the qualifying income limit for the Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons property tax exemption increased to \$65,000 for Kitsap County taxpayers. For 2026, the income limit will remain the same. If you are 61 years of age or older or have a disability and have a combined household income of \$65,000 or less, you may qualify for the exemption. To learn more about the program please visit: kcowa.us/taxrelief.

Did you know that the Assessor's Office publishes a newsletter? Sign up to get valuable news and updates about upcoming changes that may impact you at: www.kitsap.gov/assessor.

Reminder from DCD

The Dept. of Community Development (DCD) reminds property owners in unincorporated areas that they may be near agricultural lands on which commercial activities can occur. Please see [Kitsap County's Agricultural Code 17.455](#) or contact DCD at (360) 337-5777 for more information.

Paying your Tax Bill

Many taxpayers have elected to receive their bills electronically, which can be done by setting up an [Invoice Cloud](#) account. This will also allow you to link all of your Kitsap County tax parcels in one place, receive alerts when new tax statements have been uploaded, and receive payment reminders before the due date if there is a balance still owing. As a reminder, there is **NO COST** when paying your taxes by **E-Check**. Vendor fees apply to all other payment methods (credit/debit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, and Venmo).

Website Tools

There are many online tools available on Kitsap County's website. In addition to data regarding values, taxes, and your property tax bill, [Parcel Details](#) also provides information including well and septic history, voting districts, plat and permit data. Through our [Tax Distribution](#) page, you can see how tax dollars collected are distributed, in general or for your specific parcel, to the districts that serve you.

Change of Mailing Address

If your mailing address has changed from the address shown on the enclosed tax statement(s) please scan this QR code or go to www.kitsap.gov/treasurer to complete an address change request electronically.
Note: Completing a change of name/address does not change legal ownership.



Questions or Comments

We understand that managing your taxes can be challenging and our office strives to make your interactions with us as positive as possible. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions to help improve our processes. Please call us at 360-337-5777 or email treasurer@kitsap.gov.

Regards,

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