

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

Are you 65 or older or totally disabled?

You may qualify for the Homestead Exemption. If you are eligible for the Homestead Exemption, you could owe less taxes or no taxes at all.

Applications for the Homestead Exemption can be obtained from the **County Auditor's office**.

You may qualify if:

1. You are 65 or older or are permanently and totally disabled and you own and live in the residence receiving the exemption.
2. You are a surviving spouse between 59 and 64 whose property was already receiving exemption.
3. Have an income less than \$25,000.
4. Applications due by the 1st Monday in June.
5. Contact the **Auditor's Office** for questions at 419-228-3700 ext 8792 or pick up an application at the
Allen County Courthouse
Allen County Auditor's Office, Room 105
301 N. Main St
Lima, OH 45802

APPRAISED PROPERTY VALUATION

Do you feel your taxes are too high?

Taxes are based on the appraised value of your home. You have the right to appeal the appraised value of your home by filing a complaint with the Board of Revision. Your complaint must be filed by March 31, 2004 with the **County Auditor** (ORC 5715.19)

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PAY BY CREDIT CARD

-Call toll-free 1-888-2PAY-TAX
(1-888-272-9829) OR
www.allencountyohio.com/tre/index.html

*******WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARD
PAYMENTS IN THE TREASURER'S
OFFICE*******

- You will be prompted to enter the following information on your touch-tone phone keypad.
- Enter Jurisdiction Code **4517**
- Press 1 to pay Allen County Real Estate Taxes.
- Enter your parcel number.
- Enter payment amount.
- Enter your credit card number and expiration date.
- Wait for verbal receipt number, write it down and keep it with your records.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Before using this service you should be aware that there is a convenience fee charged by Official Payment Corp. for use of this system.

**THIS FEE IS IN NO WAY CHARGED BY THE
ALLEN COUNTY TREASURERS OFFICE.**

TREASURER'S UPDATE 2004

The Allen County Treasurer's Office has seen many changes since 1999. My goal as your County Treasurer is to make this office more accessible and offer programs to assist you in paying your property taxes.

As you review your tax statement, you will likely see an increase from last year. This increase is based on levies that were passed in 2003 and the increase of property values from the reappraisals conducted by the County Auditor, according to the State of Ohio Department of Taxation.

Please take a moment to review the various payment options and programs we now offer. You can now pay by credit card from the comfort of your own home either by phone or the internet. You can have us directly debit your bank account and not worry about your payment being late. To ease your tax burden, we now accept monthly payments. Please complete the "How Can We Assist You" and we will send you more information.

Thanks,
Rhonda Eddy,
Allen County Treasurer

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