

TOWN OF BRUNSWICK



ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

This notice contains important information regarding the taxation of property located in Brunswick for Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021

36 MRSA Sec. 706A: TAXPAYERS TO LIST PROPERTY, NOTICE, PENALTY, VERIFICATION. Before making an assessment, the Assessor shall give reasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation, of which they were in possession of the first day of April of the same year. **If any person after such notice does not furnish such list, that person is barred of the right to make application to the assessor of any appeal from any abatement of taxes,** unless the taxpayer furnishes the required list with the application and satisfies the assessor that the list could not be provided at the appointed date and time. Deadline to furnish this list is May 1, 2020.

PROPERTY TAX APPEALS:

Requests for property tax appeals must be filed in writing within 185 days of commitment. Based upon a commitment day of August 28, 2019, the last day to apply for abatement is March 2, 2020.

MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES:

If the mailing address on your envelope is incorrect, please call and provide us with the correct address to ensure you receive your tax bill.

MOBILE HOME OWNERS:

If you own a mobile home in Brunswick, please notify us immediately if you move, exchange, or sell a mobile home. Documentation, such as a bill of sale, can be sent to us via mail, email, or in person.

EXEMPTIONS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Please be aware of the following State tax reduction programs. More information on each program is available on the Town's website. Applications must be returned to the Assessor by April 1st.

CURRENT USE CLASSIFICATIONS:

These classifications reduce your assessment by placing restrictions on what your land may be used for:

Tree Growth
Open Space
Farmland
Working Waterfront

RESIDENT PARTIAL EXEMPTIONS:

Brunswick resident property owners may qualify for a partial exemption if they are a **veteran**, the **widow/widower of a veteran**, **blind**, or, in the case of a **homestead exemption**, have owned a permanent residence in Maine for over one year as of April 1st.

OTHER EXEMPTIONS:

Institutions and Organizations

Institutions and organizations who recently purchased property must file an exemption application by April 1st. The exemptions cover both real and business personal property.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

If you own a business in Brunswick, you must declare your personal property to the assessor by May 1st. The business may qualify for the BETR or BETE programs. If you did not receive a declaration form, visit the Assessing page of the town's website for forms and more information about programs.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE at
www.brunswickme.org

FOR:

- Interactive Tax Maps
- Property Record Cards
- Property Sales Data
- Abatement & Exemption Applications (e.g. Homestead, Veterans, & Blind)
- Brunswick Historical Tax Rates
- Mobile Home Declaration Forms
- Personal Property Declaration Forms
- Personal Property Depreciation Schedule
- Assessor's Office Contact Information and Town Hall Hours

Thank you for your attention!