

**LEVY RATES FOR 2021
ALL DISTRICTS**

CLASS	BOE	COUNTY	STATE	BOND	EXCESS	FIRE LVY	TOTAL
2	0.3880	0.2860	0.0050	0.1726	0.2110	0.0236	1.0862
3/4	0.7760	0.5720	0.0100	0.3452	0.4220	0.0472	2.1724

CORPORATIONS

**TUNNELTON, REEDSVILLE, MASONTOWN
NEWBURG, ROWLESBURG, ALBRIGHT
BRUCETON MILLS**

CLASS	CNTY TOT	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	1.0862	0.2500	0.0000	1.3362
3/4	2.1724	0.5000	0.0000	2.6724

KINGWOOD

CLASS	CNTY TOT	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	1.0862	0.2500	0.1250	1.4612
3/4	2.1724	0.5000	0.2500	2.9224

TERRA ALTA

CLASS	CNTY TOT	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	1.0862	0.2500	0.0794	1.4156
3/4	2.1724	0.5000	0.1588	2.8312

BRANDONVILLE

CLASS	CNTY TOT	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	1.0862	0.2190	0.0000	1.3052
3/4	2.1724	0.4380	0.0000	2.6104

Property Class & Levy Rates
Class II All property owned, used & occupied by the owner, exclusively for residential purposes, & farms used & occupied by their owners or bona fide tenants.

Class III & IV All real and personal property other than Class II located outside a municipality (Class III) or within a municipality (Class IV).

*Be sure to verify that your property is in the right tax class.

Current levy rates and a calculator for estimating your taxes are available on our website @ preston.wvassessor.com under the Online Services tab.

Your assessor does not set your property tax; they only determine your appraised value. The County Commission, municipalities, board of education and legislators together set the levy rate which determines the amount of taxes you owe.

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

Approximately 71% of property tax dollars go to schools and education if you live in a district. County government gets approximately 26%, which is used to support the courthouse, regional jail, and various services such as: Economic Development, Health Department, Animal Shelter & Animal Control, Emergency Services, and Social Services. The remainder goes to the state and fire departments. The local excess levy goes to the school system. Municipalities set their own levies with that revenue going to each of the municipalities.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION



If you are 65 years of age or older on or before June 30 following the July 1 assessment date, or you are permanently and totally disabled, you may file for the Homestead Exemption in the Assessor's office. This would exempt you for the first \$20,000 of the assessed value of your home. You should file when you are 64 to be sure you do not miss the December 1 deadline.

FACTS ABOUT PRESTON CO.

- Formed in 1818, named in honor of James Patton Preston
 - Area equals 653.88 square miles
 - 1990 population ---- 29,037
 - 2000 population ---- 29,334
 - 2020 population ---- 33,190
- 2020 taxable base \$1,505,307,249; (CL2-- \$795,765,538; CL 3--\$568,775,908; CL 4-- \$140,765,803)
- (Real Estate-- \$1,036,119,270; Personal property-- \$249,271,668; Public Utility-- \$219,916,331) For tax year 2021
 - Homestead Exemption value was \$84,997,910 (approximately \$912,877.56 in tax dollars).
- For tax year 2021 there were 724 parcels (81,186 acres) receiving managed timberland values
- For tax year 2021 there were 2,639 parcels (140,655 acres) receiving agricultural values.
- For the tax year 2021 the Assessor's Office maintained over 39,000 real estate accounts (which includes mineral accounts) and over 13,000 personal property accounts (which includes over 1,200 business accounts)

PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Shelter	304-329-3461
Chamber of Commerce	304-329-0576
Circuit Clerk's Office	304-329-0047
County Clerk's Office	304-329-0070
County Commission	304-329-1805
D.O.H Garage	304-329-0192
Economic Development	304-329-2299
Emergency Services	304-329-1855
Health Department	304-329-0096
Humane Society	304-435-1808
Judge's Office	304-329-0066
Litter Control	304-329-7031
Magistrate Office	304-329-2762
Probation Officer	304-329-0772
Prosecuting Attorney	304-329-1885
Senior Citizens	304-329-0464
Sheltered Workshop	304-864-6446
Sheriff's Office	304-329-1611
State Police	304-329-1101
Tax Office	304-329-0105
WV Extension Office	304-329-1391

*Satellite locations for July 2021 at the following post offices:

- July 6: Reedsville 8am-6pm
- July 7: Bruceton Mills 8am-6pm
- July 8: Newburg 9am-12:30pm
- July 8: 1:30pm-5pm
- July 8: Terra Alta 8:30am-1:30pm
- July 9: Aurora 8am-12:30pm
- July 9: Rowlesburg 1:30pm-5pm
- July 12: Masontown 8:30am-1:30pm

For your convenience we have established the listed satellite locations where a deputy assessor will be glad to assist you with this Individual Property Return. Dog tags can also be purchased at all locations.

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, information subject to change. MASKS MAY BE REQUIRED

**A GUIDE
FOR FILING
ASSESSMENTS and
GENERAL INFORMATION**

If not filed by Oct.1 interest and penalties will be applied.



Connie R. Ervin
Assessor of Preston County
106 West Main Street, Ste101
Kingwood, WV 26537

Phone 304-329-1220 or
1-800-531-7193
Fax 304-329-1643

File online @ cervin@prestoncountywv.gov

preston.wvassessor.com/onlinefiling

or scan here



OFFICE USE ONLY
New/Old _____ District _____
Audited By _____ Scanned By _____
Spreadsheet _____ Keyed _____



SCAN HERE
TO
FILE ONLINE



OR GO TO: PRESTON.WVASSESSOR.COM/ONLINEFILING

NAME
AND
ADDRESS

Daytime Phone #: () _____
Address Change or Physical Address

CORRECTIONS

Failure to file by October 1 will result in a penalty of up to \$100

SECTION 1: VEHICLES AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED JULY 1, 2021
(Do not list leased vehicles)

List cars, trucks and vans, motorcycles, scooters, travel trailers/campers, motor homes, aircraft, utility trailers, dozers, backhoes, recreational 4-wheelers, etc. Include unlicensed vehicles. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is required for accurate valuation. If you did not own any vehicles or personal property, write NONE. Draw a line through any property you no longer own as of July 1, 2021, and add any additional items you owned. Make corrections to the form as needed.

Vehicle

VEHICLES REPORTED ON LAST YEARS ASSESSMENT

DATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE PURCHASED	ASSESSOR USE ONLY
ADD NEW VEHICLES HERE						

Additional pages attached

SECTION 2: MOBILE HOMES

List house trailers, modular homes, manufactured homes, etc., owned on July 1, 2021. If none, write "None".

TRAILER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE PURCHASED	ASSESSOR USE ONLY
MOBILE HOME YOU OWN HERE						

Additional pages attached

Is this your personal residence? Yes/No If no, describe use: _____

Name of land owner: _____

Preston County Real and Personal Property Assessment
Report for Tax Year 2022 for property owned on July 1, 2021

WV Code Chapter 11-2-2 requires all residents to file a report of their real and personal property each year. The annual assessment of property you owned on July 1 is now required. Review the information above, make applicable changes, sign and return it no later than October 1.

SEE REVERSE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

At the top middle of the form, you will verify your name and address. If any changes need to be made put a line through the incorrect information and make the appropriate changes in the area to the right.



SECTION 1: In the middle of the front page you will see vehicles pre-printed that were submitted on last year's return. Draw a line through any vehicles you did NOT OWN on July 1, 2021. In the grid below it, you must list any vehicles owned July 1, 2021 that are not listed in the pre-printed area regardless of whether or not they are road worthy or licensed.

In order for your property to be correctly valued you MUST list title date, make, model, year, and Vehicle Identification Number or (VIN). All of this information can be found on either the title or registration card. Please include a value for any vehicle 10 years or older, machinery, heavy equipment, airplanes, and above ground swimming pools.

DO NOT LIST LEASED VEHICLES

SECTION 2: List all structures you own that are located on another person's property. Be sure to fill out all the sections that are applicable to your situation.

SECTION 3: In this section you will list any improvements of \$1000 or more to the existing structures or improvements to any real-estate you own. The next area is for mobile homes on your land that someone else owns

DOG TAGS-SHEEP AND GOATS

WV law requires the assessor to collect tax on all dogs aged 6 months by June 30 of the next year. Tags expire on September 30th. Please enclose a check or money order and a self-addressed stamped envelope.
The fee outside city limits per dog is \$3.00.
The fee inside city limits per dog is \$6.00.

SECTION 3: REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS: Did you make any improvements of more than \$1,000 to any real estate you own? If yes, then list the address, type of improvement and amount of the improvement below

ADDRESS	TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT	COST OF IMPROVEMENT
REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS		

MOBILE HOMES ON YOUR LAND
On July 1, were there any mobile or modular homes or cabins located on your land but not owned by you? _____
If yes, how many? _____
Mobile home or cabin, Owner's name: _____ Phone: _____
Mobile home or cabin, Owner's name: _____ Phone: _____

DOG TAG APPLICATION/SHEEP AND GOAT FEE
PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE & CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE OUT TO PRESTON COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
YOUR DOG TAGS AND RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU ONCE THEY ARE PROCESSED
FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
\$3.00 OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS
\$6.00 INSIDE CITY LIMITS
\$1.00 FOR EVERY BREEDING AGE SHEEP OR GOAT

NAME OF DOG	AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF TAGGING	ASSESSOR USE ONLY
DOG TAGS, SHEEP AND GOATS					

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR OWNERS OF UNIMPROVED PROPERTY
If you are 65 years or older, or totally disabled before July 1, 2021, you may file for the homestead exemption with this office. NEW applications must be filed by Dec. 1 following the July 1 assessment date. Valid state ID, driver's license or a birth certificate is required for all owners. You will NOT need to re-apply every year.

***SATELLITE LOCATIONS - FOR JULY 2021:**

JULY 6: REEDSVILLE 8:00AM-1:30PM	JULY 8: TERRA ALTA 8:30AM-1:30PM
JULY 7: BRUCETON 8AM-6PM	JULY 9: AURORA 8AM-12:30PM
JULY 11: NEWBURG 9AM-12:30	JULY 9: ROWLESSBURG 1:30PM-5:30PM
JULY 8: TUNNERSVILLE 1:30PM-5:30PM	JULY 12: MASONTOWN 8:30AM-1:30PM

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DEADLINES TO SUBMIT FORMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
FARM FORMS: **SEPTEMBER 1** BUSINESS FORMS: **SEPTEMBER 1**
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY RETURNS: **OCTOBER 1** HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: **DECEMBER 1**

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANY OF THE ITEMS TO BE REPORTED, LIST THE ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND ENCLOSE IT WITH THIS FORM

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided on this form is true and actual.

Taxpayer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER TO SIGN HERE

FILL OUT BOTH SIDES

A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR

Dear Preston County Taxpayers,
The time has come in the Assessor's Office as we once again send out the Individual Property Return for filing your 2022 property assessments. Every West Virginia resident is required by WV code § 11-3-10 to file an assessment listing all property OWNED as of July 1, 2021. This form is pre-printed with the information that you filed last year for your convenience and ours. Using the pre-printed form will ensure accuracy and completion of your filing in a more efficient manner. Fill in any sections that apply to you that are not pre-printed.

This guide was prepared to assist you in properly filing the assessment form. Remember that you may file online at preston.wvassessor.com/onlinefiling. Don't hesitate to call our office if you have questions or need help navigating the site. Please complete, date, sign, and return the form within 10 days. Filing by the deadline date October 1 will avoid interest and penalties.

As your assessor, my goal is to serve the taxpayer in the best way to promote our county and it's residents. We are here to help you in any way to answer your questions and assist you with the requirements. Check the schedule on the return for dates and times we will be in your area with our satellite clinics. There will be a representative from our office on hand to assist you.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

Sincerely,
Connie R Ervin
Assessor of Preston County