



2025
Preston County
Individual
Property Return

SCAN HERE
TO
FILE ONLINE



OR GO TO:
PRESTON.WVASSESSOR.COM/ONLINEFILING

Daytime Phone #:

Address Change or Physical Address

CORRECTIONS

Failure to file by October 1 will result in a penalty of \$25 to \$100.

SECTION 1: VEHICLES AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY YOU OWNED JULY 1, 2024:
(Do not list leased vehicles)

List cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, scooters, travel trailers/campers, motor homes, aircraft, boats and trailers, 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 owned on July 1, 2024, and add any additional items you owned. Make corrections to the list as needed.

Please return by mail if not filing online.

Vehicles

VEHICLES REPORTED ON LAST
YEARS ASSESSMENT

ADDITIONS BELOW

TITLE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE ID NUMBER	COST/VALUE	ASSESSORS USE ONLY
ADD NEW VEHICLES HERE						

Additional pages attached

SECTION 2: MOBILE HOMES NOT BILLED ON REAL ESTATE

List house trailers, modular homes, manufactured homes, etc., owned on July 1, 2024. If none, write "None".

TITLE	DATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	VEHICLE ID NUMBER	SIZE	MOVE IN DATE	PURCHASE PRICE	ASSESSORS USE ONLY
MOBILE HOME YOU OWN HERE									

Additional pages attached

Name of land owner: _____ Mobile home/cabin owner name: _____

Please mark one: Owner Occupied Rental Vacant No Longer Owned - Date Sold: _____

Mobile Home/Cabin owner address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Physical location of Mobile Home: _____ VIN: _____

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, 2024. In the grid below it, you must list any vehicles owned July 1, 2024 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
-- PAYMENT FOR DOGS, SHEEP AND GOATS IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE @ PRESTON.WVASSESSOR.COM --

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

NO. OF SHEEP: _____ = TOTAL _____
NO. OF GOATS: _____

NAME OF DOG	AGE	SEX		COLOR	LONG EARS	BREED
		MALE	FEMALE			

*** HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY ***

If you are 65 years or older, or totally disabled before JUNE 30, 2024, the July 1 assessment date, you may file for the homestead exemption with this office. NEW applications must be made by Dec. 1 following the July 1 assessment date. Valid state ID, driver's license or a birth certificate is required for proof of age or birth. You will NOT need to re-apply every year.

SATELLITE CLINIC INFO

Monday, July 8	Reedsville Post Office	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 9	Stanton Town Hall	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, July 10	Aurora Community Building	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday, July 11	Newburg Post Office	1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
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DEADLINES TO SUBMIT FORMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FARM FORMS: **SEPTEMBER 1** BUSINESS FORMS: **SEPTEMBER 1**
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY RETURNS: **OCT. 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

Preston County Real and Personal Property Assessment Report property owned on July 1, 2024 for Tax Year 2025.

WV Code Chapter 11-3-2 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 shown, make applicable changes, sign, and return it no later than **October 1**.

FILL OUT BOTH SIDES

OFFICE USE ONLY
Received By: _____ Received Date: _____
Audited By: _____ Spreadsheet: _____
Keyed: _____ Scanned by: _____

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 2025 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, 2024. 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

LEVY RATES FOR 2024

ALL DISTRICTS

CLASS	BOE	COUNTY	STATE	BOND	FIRE LVY	TOTAL
2	0.3880	0.2860	0.0050	0.1400	0.0250	0.8440
3/4	0.7760	0.5720	0.0100	0.2800	0.0500	1.6880

CORPORATIONS

TUNNELTON, REEDSVILLE, MASONTOWN NEWBURG, ROWLESBURG, BRUCETON MILLS

CLASS	CNTY TOTO	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	0.8440	0.2500	0.0000	1.0940
3/4	1.6880	0.5000	0.0000	2.1880

KINGWOOD

CLASS	CNTY TOTO	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	0.8440	0.2500	0.1250	1.2190
3/4	1.6880	0.5000	0.2500	2.4380

TERRA ALTA

CLASS	CNTY TOTO	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	0.8440	0.2500	0.0794	1.1734
3/4	1.6880	0.5000	0.1588	2.3468

BRANDONVILLE

CLASS	CNTY TOTO	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	0.8440	0.2196	0.0000	1.0636
3/4	1.6880	0.4392	0.0000	2.1272

ALBRIGHT

CLASS	CNTY TOTO	CORP	EXCESS	TOTAL
2	0.8440	0.1250	0.0000	0.9690
3/4	1.6880	0.2500	0.0000	1.9380

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 63% of property tax dollars go to schools and education if you live in a district. County government gets approximately 34%, 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 bond 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 COUNTY

- Formed in 1818, named in honor of James Patton Preston
 - Area equals 653.88 square miles
 - 2000 Population - 29,334
 - 2020 Population - 33,069
 - 2024 Population - 33,976
 - 2024 Taxable Base - \$1,782,480,485
 - CL2 \$913,838,563 CL3 \$699,795,047 CL4 \$168,846,875
 - Real Estate - \$1,176,955,880
 - Personal Property - \$334,646,917
 - Public Utility - \$270,877,688
 - Homestead Exemption value - \$87,698,624.
- This includes real estate and personal property. (The approximately amount of tax dollars associated with the Homestead exemption amount is \$743,215)
- Managed Timberland 742 Parcels (79,745 acres)
 - Agricultural 2,538 Parcels (136,079 acres)
 - Real Estate 39,883 accounts, including Mineral accounts
 - Personal Property 13,209 accounts, including Business accounts 1,335

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

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A GUIDE FOR FILING ASSESSMENTS and GENERAL INFORMATION

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