

\$\$\$ REFUNDS

Even if you did not qualify in previous years, you may qualify for one or even two refunds from the State of Minnesota based on your 2009 Property Taxes.

If you owned and occupied this property on January 2, 2009 as your homestead, you may qualify for one or both of the following refunds:

1. You may be eligible for a refund if your taxes exceed certain income-based thresholds, and your total household income is less than \$96,940.
2. If you also owned and occupied this property on January 2, 2008 as your homestead, you may be eligible for a refund if your property taxes increased by more than 12 percent and at least \$100 over last year.

If you need Form M1PR and instructions:



www.taxes.state.mn.us



(651)296-4444



Minnesota Tax Forms
Mail Station 1421
St. Paul, MN 55146-1421

Make sure to provide your Property ID Number on your M1PR to ensure prompt processing.

Senior Citizens Property Tax Deferral

The Senior Citizen Deferral Program was established to help senior citizens having difficulty paying property taxes. This deferral program allows senior citizens to leverage the equity in their home, providing two primary advantages:

1. It limits the annual out-of-pocket payment for property taxes to 3 percent of total household income, and
2. It provides predictability. The amount you pay will not change for as long as you participate in this program.

To be eligible, you must be 1) at least 65 years old, 2) with a household income of \$60,000 or less, and 3) have lived in your home for at least 15 years. While in this program, you will only have to pay taxes equal to 3 percent of your net income, with the remaining tax paid by a low interest loan by the State of Minnesota. This is not a tax forgiveness program - the unpaid tax along with accumulated interest will become a lien on the property for future satisfaction, such as upon a sale or disposition of the estate. To receive a fact sheet and application, please call: (651) 556-6088.

Penalty for Late Payment of Property Tax

If you pay your first half and second half property tax after the due dates, a penalty will be added to your tax. The later you pay, the greater the penalty you must pay. The table below shows the penalty you will pay if your property taxes are not paid before the date shown.

Agricultural Homesteads If the due date for your second half property tax payment is November 16 and your property is classified as agricultural homestead property, the penalty rates for late payments are: 6% if you pay from November 17 through November 30; 8% if you pay from December 1 through January 1; and 10% if you pay on January 2, 2010 or later.

Agricultural Non-homesteads If the due date for your second half property tax payment is November 16 and your property is classified as agricultural non-homestead property, the penalty rates for late payments are: 8% if you pay from November 17 through November 30; 12% if you pay from December 1 through January 1; and 14% if you pay on January 2, 2010 or later.

Note: The taxes for personal property located on leased government-owned land may be paid in two installments which are due at the same time as real property taxes, and which are subject to the same penalty schedule and penalty rates as real property taxes. All other personal property taxes are due in full on or before May 15, 2009.

Property Type:	2009										2010
	May 16	June 1	July 1	Aug 1	Sep 1	Oct 1	Oct 16	Nov 1	Nov 17	Dec 1	Jan 2
Homestead and Cabins 1st half 2nd half Both Unpaid	2%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8% 2% 5%	8% 6% 7%	8% 6% 7%	8% 8% 8%	10% 10% 10%
Non-Homestead 1st half 2nd half Both Unpaid	4%	8%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12% 4% 8%	12% 8% 10%	12% 8% 10%	12% 12% 12%	14% 14% 14%
Personal Property	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Manufactured Homes 1st half 2nd half					8%	8%	8%	8%	8% 8%	8% 8%	8% 8%

Note to manufactured home owners: The title to your manufactured home cannot be transferred unless all current and delinquent personal property taxes due at the time of the transfer are paid.

*This amount is the value of new improvements and/or additional taxable value due to expiring This Old House exclusions.