



Property tax payments for the Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024 calendar year are due before July 31, 2024.

Pay your way:

- mail
- in-person
- dropbox
- direct, phone or online banking
- online via Plastiq

See your tax notice for additional details.

Please allow for **at least 3 business days** to process your payment.

Penalty due dates & rates:

- July 31, 2024: **5% on current**
- September 30, 2024: **5% on current**
- November 30, 2024: **5% on current**
- January 31, 2025: **15% on outstanding**

Question about your assessment?

Contact our assessor, Les Whitfield at 403.328.5525 or lwhitfield@lethcounty.ca



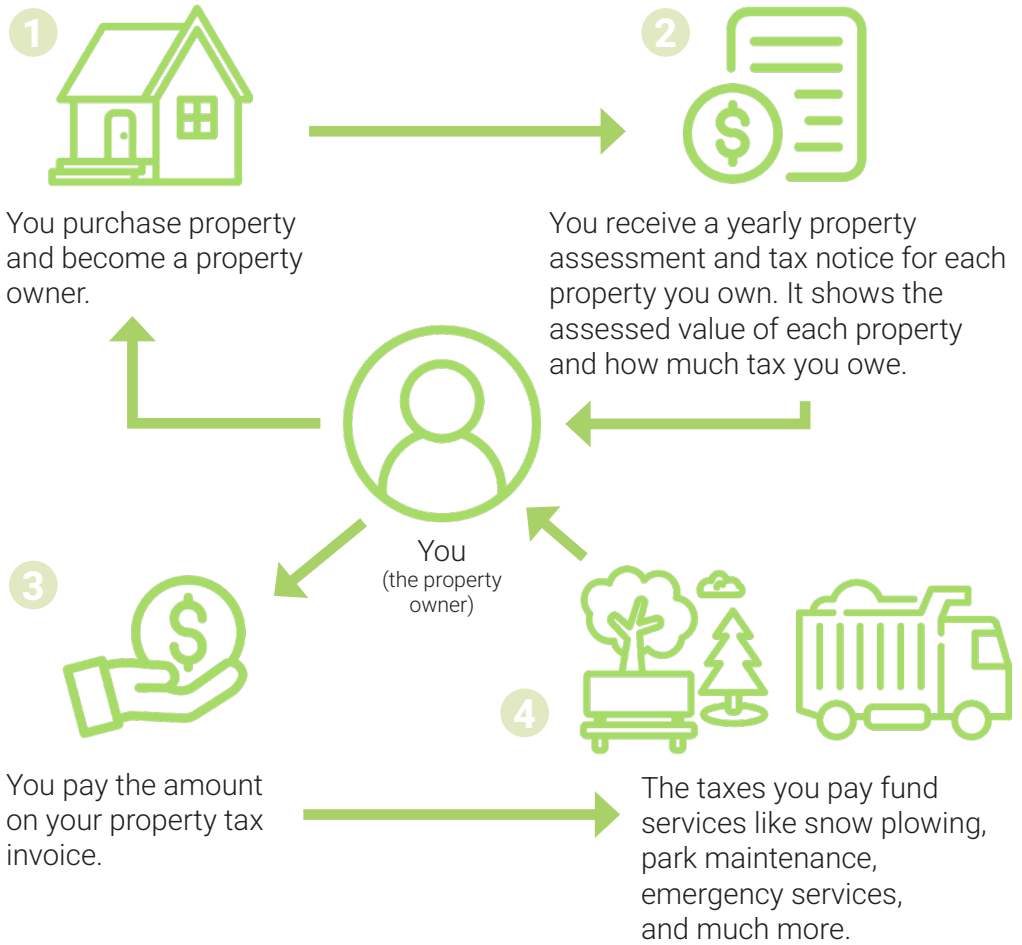
2024 Property Tax



How do property taxes work?

Property taxes are an integral part of the municipal system, allowing property owners and municipalities to mutually support each other in a systematic way.

The process goes like this:



Have you heard about the Alberta Seniors Property Tax Deferral Program?

Eligible senior homeowners may defer all or part of their annual residential property taxes through a low-interest home equity loan through the Government of Alberta.

Find details at www.alberta.ca/seniors-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx

Application deadline: June 30, 2024

Assessment appeal deadline: August 19, 2024

Want to receive news and updates from the County via email? Head to lethcounty.ca/p/stay-connected and choose your notification settings.

What benefits result from your tax contributions?

Your tax dollars keep Lethbridge County vibrant and thriving. Here's what that looks like:

- **Roads:** Your taxes keep our roads in top shape, ensuring smooth travel for work, school, and community activities.
- **K-12 Education:** We fund local school divisions that provide learning environments and experiences to prepare children for the future.
- **Fire Response Services:** We invest in fire services to protect residents and businesses, ensuring we're ready for any emergency.
- **Law Enforcement:** Safety is a priority. Your taxes fund police services, providing peace of mind and security.
- **Recreation Facilities:** Your support funds parks, sports centres, and other facilities for physical activity and community fun in the surrounding area.
- **Libraries:** Libraries are gateways to knowledge and lifelong learning. Your tax dollars keep them accessible and updated.
- **Senior Housing and Care:** We provide financial support for those who care for our elderly residents through essential services and housing. (Green Acres Foundation)
- **Waste Disposal:** Responsible waste management protects our environment. Your contributions support transfer sites, keeping our community clean.
- **Economic Development Initiatives:** We invest in growth and innovation, attracting businesses and ensuring job opportunities.
- **Family and Community Support Services (FCSS):** Programs like FCSS thrive with your support, enhancing well-being for individuals and families.

Together, we're building a better future for Lethbridge County. Thank you for your continued support.

The 2024 budget reflects Council's commitment to providing excellent services to our ratepayers, while remaining fiscally responsible. We've allocated additional transfers to our reserves to ensure we are sustainable into the future.

Tory Campbell, Reeve



- Provincially designated funds
- Lethbridge County managed funds



Some portions of your tax contributions are pre-designated by the province to meet essential requirements, like education, senior housing & care, and law enforcement. The remaining funds are managed at the discretion of the County.

Want to see the exact breakdown of your tax dollars? Try our Property Tax Calculator.

Enter the 2024 assessment value for your residential, farmland or non-residential property and hit the Calculate button. You'll then get a pie chart and line by line breakdown of the distribution of your tax dollars.

<https://lethcounty.ca/p/property-tax-calculator>



Where does the rest of the money come from?

To help minimize the amount of property tax needed to fund operations, the County uses other sources of revenue, like:

- Grants
- Sales of goods/services (rental fees, permits, etc.)
- Service agreements
- Return on investments
- Transfers from reserves
- Fines/penalties

What about the future?

In an effort to be future-focused, a \$2.4 million increase was put in the 2024 budget for reserves, above the 2023 budget allocations. Reserves exist to aid in mitigating cost increases due to factors like inflation, as well as provide funds for new projects, infrastructure & asset replacement and debt reduction, in preparation for the future, ensuring the sustainability and viability of the County.

See full budget details at whatshappening.lethcounty.ca