



Assessor's Office

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is an assessment? An assessment is the value placed upon your property by the assessor. This value determines what portion of the local property tax levy will be borne by your property.

What will happen to my assessment if I improve my property? Generally speaking, improvements that increase the market value of a property will increase the assessed value. The following are typical items that will increase the assessed value of your property:

- Added rooms or garages
- Replacing asbestos or wood siding with aluminum or vinyl siding
- Substantial modernization of kitchen or baths
- Central air conditioning
- Fireplaces
- Extensive remodeling

Will my assessment go up if I repair my property? Good maintenance will help retain the market value of your property. Generally, your assessment will not be increased for individual minor repairs such as those that follow; however, a combination of several of these items could result in an increased assessment.

- Repairing concrete walks and driveways
- Replacing gutters and downspouts
- Replacing hot water heater
- Repairing or replacing roof
- Repairing porches and steps
- Repairing original siding
- Patching or repairing interior walls and ceilings
- Exterior painting
- Replacing electrical fixtures
- Replacing furnace
- Exterior awnings and shutters
- Weather stripping, screens, storm windows, doors
- Exterior landscaping including lawns, shrubbery, trees, flowers

Will I be notified if there is a change in my assessment? According to Section 70.365 of the Wisconsin Statutes, whenever an assessor changes the total assessment of any real property by any amount, the owner must be notified. However, failure to receive a notice does *not* affect the validity of the changed assessment.

When should I check my assessment? Although the effective date of the assessment is January 1, the assessor normally does not complete the assessment until March or April of each year. The time to check your assessment is after the assessment is completed so that you may appear before the Board of Review if you wish.

What is the Board of Review? The Board of Review has the duty of correcting any errors in assessments that have been made, inadvertently or otherwise. The Board of Review is responsible for raising and lowering any incorrect valuations as well as correcting any errors in the roll. It is important to note that the Board's function is not one of valuation, but of deciding the validity of the facts presented, under oath, before it.