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Personal Property and Business Assessment list deadline March 1

Greene County Assessor Rick Kessinger reminds county residents that Monday, March 1, is the deadline for returning 2010 Personal Property and Business Assessment lists to his office.

Missouri law (RSMo 137.115) requires all Greene County residents and business owners to declare all taxable personal and business property they own as of Jan. 1, 2010, to the assessor. Taxable property includes motor vehicles, boats, trailers, livestock, farm machinery and business-related equipment. The assessment lists are the basis of 2010 personal and business property tax bills, which county residents and business owners receive in November.

Kessinger's office mailed lists to county residents in early January. State law requires residents to fill out and return these lists to county assessors' offices no later than March 1, to avoid late penalties, which range from \$10 to \$100, depending on assessed value. Assessment lists postmarked March 1 will be accepted without penalty.

The 2010 assessment lists include all personal property assessed in 2009 for individuals (non-business owners). If you own exactly the same personal property as last year and all the information on the list is correct, simply check the "No Changes" box. If you have sold or disposed of an item, please cross that item out. If you bought additional property that does not appear list, please write in the items on the form. Business Assessment lists are not preprinted and must include all vehicles, furniture, fixtures, computers, equipment, etc.

Kessinger reminds property owners to sign the list before returning it to his office.

"Please read the oath printed on the reverse side of the form, even if you have signed next to the 'No Changes' box," said Kessinger. "This statement is important and it applies whether the form is signed on the front or back."

Residents and business owners who did not receive an assessment list should call the Greene County Assessor's Office at 417-868-4195 or 417-868-4101, or visit the office 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. weekdays, in the Greene County Historic Courthouse, 940 Boonville, Room 37, Springfield, MO, 65802.

For more information, contact the Greene County Assessor's office at 868-4195; or for media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 829-6019 or 379-5713.

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