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### **Greene County 2012 Personal Property and Business Assessments mailed**

Greene County Assessor Rick Kessinger has mailed 2012 Personal Property and Business Assessment lists to Greene County residents and business owners.

All assessment lists must be returned to the Assessor's Office no later than March 1 to avoid late penalties, which range from \$10 to \$100, based on the total assessed value.

Missouri law (Section 137.115 RSMo) requires owners to declare all taxable personal and business property to the assessor, including motor vehicles, boats, trailers, livestock, farm machinery, mobile homes (not classified as Real Estate) and business-related equipment, machinery and vehicles. The assessment lists are the basis of 2012 personal and business property tax bills, which county residents and business owners receive from the County Collector in November.

Personal Property Assessment lists are pre-printed with items assessed last year. Taxpayers should carefully review their lists for accuracy. If your list contains items you did not own on Jan. 1, 2012, you should cross those items off your list. If your list does not include items you owned on Jan. 1, 2012, you should write those items on the appropriate lines. In either of these cases please check the "Changes Have Been Made" box. If your property list has not changed, simply check the "No Changes Made" box, then sign, date and return the list. The property owner must sign the oath on the form, so unsigned lists will be returned for signature before being processed.

Business Assessment lists are not preprinted with information from last year.

Residents and business owners who have not received an assessment list by **January 27** should call the Greene County Assessor's Office at 868-4195 or 868-4101, or visit the Historic Greene County Courthouse, 940 N. Boonville Ave, Room 37, Springfield.

Callers are advised that the Assessor's phones are typically very busy during January, and the courthouse is closed Monday, Jan. 16, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Callers may wish to try contacting the office later in the month for service.

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