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Personal Property and Business Assessment list deadline March 1

Greene County Assessor Rick Kessinger reminds county residents that March 1 is the deadline for returning 2011 Personal Property and Business Assessment lists to his office.

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.

Any individual or business owning taxable tangible personal property as of January 1, 2011, including property purchased on that date, is required to declare all taxable personal and business property to the assessor (RSMo. 137.115). The property to be declared includes, but is not limited to, motor vehicles, boats, trailers, livestock, farm machinery and business-related furniture and equipment. The assessment lists are the basis for 2011 personal and business property tax bills that the county collector mails to owners in November.

For individuals, the 2011 assessment list includes all personal property that was assessed in 2010. If you own exactly the same personal property as you owned last year, and all the information on the list is correct, you only need to check the "No Changes" box then sign and return the list. If you sold or disposed of an item prior to January 1, 2011, please mark out that item and do not check the "No Changes" box. If you owned items of personal property as of January 1, 2011 that do not appear on the pre-printed list, please write in the items in the section of the form below the box containing the pre-printed list.

"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."

Any individual or business owner that has not received a personal property assessment list should call the Greene County Assessor's Office at (417) 868-4195 or (417) 868-4101, or visit the Greene County Historic Courthouse, 940 Boonville, Room 37, in Springfield.

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