PROPERTY ASSESSMENT DIVISION
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

PROPERTY TAX REFUND

available for eligible homeowners

Application Period:

Refund requests can be filed between
January 1, 2027, and May 31, 2027.

Montana homeowners **may qualify** for a 2026 Property Tax Refund if they were eligible for the 2026 Homestead Reduced Tax Rate but did not apply and meet all other refund requirements.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

Principal Residence Owners who met the **eligibility requirements** but did not enroll their property to receive the homestead reduced tax rate in 2026.

- Qualified but did not apply
- Purchased the property after the application deadline but otherwise met all eligibility requirements

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- √ The property was owned by an individual(s) or a grantor revocable trust in 2026
- √ You lived in the property as your principal residence for at least 7 months in 2026
- √ You are current on payment of the property taxes



For more information
or to enroll your property,
please visit *homestead.mt.gov*.

The **2026 Real Property Tax Bills**

have been mailed out and are available online

(www.musselshellcounty.gov)

If you notice a significant increase in your tax bill without a change made to your property, it could be due to the recent legislative changes involving the **Homestead/Long-Term Rental Exemptions**:

- Is this your primary residence or a long-term rental?
  - **If yes**, did you apply for the **Homestead/Long-Term Rental Exemption**?
    *(Verify here: **revenue.mt.gov/property**
  - **If not**, be sure to apply for future tax years!
    *(Apply here: **revenue.mt.gov/property** or contact DOR)
  - If the home is a Primary Residence and is not enrolled, the property will be taxed at the flat rate of 1.9% for 2026. **Starting January 1, 2027, you can claim a refund** with the DOR for the difference between the flat rate and the lower homestead rate. You will also need to enroll your property for the homestead reduced rate for it to apply in 2027.
- For additional questions or assistance, please call your local Department of Revenue office at (406)896-4005. You are also welcome to walk in at 506 Main Street to visit with Department of Revenue staff. The Field Office is open Monday-Thursday 9-4 & Friday 9-12.