

## Guide to Property Tax System

Property Tax Items	Assessor	Clerk	Recorder of Deeds	Treasurer	Portal
Appeal My Taxes	●				●
Apply for Duplicate or Overpayment Refund				●	●
Apply for Property Tax Exemptions	●				●
Change Name on Tax Bill				●	●
File for Certificate of Error	●				
Find My PIN		●			●
Get a Tax Bill				●	●
Pay My Taxes				●	●
Property Legal Description		●			
Verify Property's Owner			●		

### Property Tax Offices

#### Cook County Assessor

***cookcountyassessor.com*** tel. 312.443.7550

Establishes property assessments. Valuation of parcels of property is conducted for tax purposes. Also oversees exemptions and appeals.

#### Cook County Clerk

***cookcountyclerk.com*** tel. 312.603.5656

Maintains warrant books, judgment books and scavenger books. Handles redemptions of taxes sold or forfeited at tax sale and prior years' taxes.

#### Cook County Recorder of Deeds

***ccrd.info*** tel. 312.603.5070

Maintains records of real estate ownership as well as federal and state tax liens.

#### Cook County Treasurer

***cookcountytreasurer.com*** tel. 312.443.5100

Prints, mails and collects payments of property tax bills and oversees the distribution of revenues to local government agencies. Administers the annual tax sale and scavenger tax sale, and issues refunds.

#### Cook County Property Information Portal

***cookcountypropertyinfo.com***

Combines information from the property tax offices into one unified website. The Portal allows residents to pay property taxes, apply for refunds or exemptions and appeal taxes online. The website also has a 10-year levy (taxing) history of each agency listed on the property tax bill, which shows taxpayers how their money is spent.

# Read Your Bill Tracking Your Tax Dollars



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## Read Your Property Tax Bill

Your tax dollars are distributed between 12 to 20 different government agencies. Visit [cookcountypropertyinfo.com](http://cookcountypropertyinfo.com) to see who is raising your taxes and why.

### Your Local Government Agencies

Property taxes are distributed to local government agencies such as schools, townships and park districts. If your local government's budget goes up, your taxes may go up. Even small budgetary increases, collectively, may result in a higher tax bill.

Now, property owners can use a simple, interactive online tool to view their tax bill and the financial statements of those local government agencies that receive your tax proceeds.

Here's how:

- Go to either [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) or [cookcountypropertyinfo.com](http://cookcountypropertyinfo.com)
- Click "View Taxing District Financial Statements"
- Enter your 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN)
- Click the icon beside each agency name to display its financial information

### Report of Local Government Debt

A recent report of local government debt in Cook County states that the total debt has now reached over \$140 billion. Property owners can view this information, and more, by visiting [cookcountytreasurer.com](http://cookcountytreasurer.com) or [cookcountypropertyinfo.com](http://cookcountypropertyinfo.com). There you will find additional information regarding your local government agencies.

Click "View Taxing District Financial Statements" and you will find:

- Local government budgeted revenues
- Local government outstanding debt, pension debt included
- Local government 10-year levy (taxing) history
- Percentage of levy (taxing) change over 10 years

### Cook County Property Tax Portal


The Portal, [cookcountypropertyinfo.com](http://cookcountypropertyinfo.com), is a consolidated website offering one-stop shopping for property tax information.

By entering a PIN or address on the Portal you will be able to:

- Pay your property tax bill online
- Check your payment status and see if you are owed a refund
- Learn if you received your exemptions or apply for one
- Appeal your taxes
- View ownership and liens on the property
- Learn how to redeem your taxes if they were sold at Tax Sale

## Sample Financial and Tax Information

Property tax owners provided with unprecedented level of transparency through detailed financial information.

TOTAL TAXES DUE IN 2011				2011 Property Tax Bill				
\$	7,127.27	Property Index Number (PIN)	Volume	Code	Tax Year	(Payable In)	Township	
			001	10021	2011	(2012)	BARRINGTON	
 Please click this <a href="#">LINK</a> for Payment Status. <span style="float: right;">LATE PENALTY IS 1.5% PER MONTH, BY STATE LAW.</span>								
Property location and classification for this PIN								
				BARRINGTON IL 60010 4207		Property Classification 2-05		
Taxing Districts	2011 Tax	2011 Rate	2011%	Pension	2010 Tax	2010 Rate		
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TAXES</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Mosquito Abatement	11.47	0.010	0.16%		10.26	0.009		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barrington Public Library	223.59	0.195	3.14%	20.63	196.15	0.172		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barrington Park District	771.66	0.673	10.83%	36.69	685.37	0.601		
<b>Miscellaneous Taxes Total</b>	<b>1,006.72</b>	<b>0.878</b>	<b>14.13%</b>		<b>891.78</b>	<b>0.782</b>		
<b>SCHOOL TAXES</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Co Tax Objection-D220	100.90	0.088	1.42%		91.23	0.080		
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Unit School District 220	4,343.32	3.788	60.94%	143.32	3,812.32	3.343		
Community Unit School District 220								
<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>				<b>2011</b>		<b>2010</b>		
Gross Operating Budget Revenue:				122,914,974.00		121,036,473.00		
Total Debts and Liabilities:				92,460,540.00		100,061,542.00		
Total Pension Liability:				28,033,690.00		27,151,051.00		
Total Unfunded Pension Liability:				8,213,125.00		8,294,996.00		
Percent Funded:				70.70%		69.44%		
Total Debt (Debts, Liabilities and Pension)				120,494,230.00		127,212,593.00		
Annual Rate of Salary Increases:				4.00%		4.00%		
Investment Rate of Return:				4.50%		4.50%		
Annual Financial Report:				<a href="#">View</a>		<a href="#">View</a>		
<b>AGENCY TAX DATA (10-year Trend of Primary Taxing Agency)</b>								
Percentage Change Over 10-Year Period: 46.9%								
<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>				
62,935,490.78	62,821,570.71	59,962,258.57	58,376,215.62	56,689,577.44				
<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>				
52,961,606.38	48,974,718.64	46,978,215.59	46,113,161.19	42,843,482.16				

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