

Assessor's Office

www.midland-mi.org/assessor

(989) 837-3334

HOMEOWNERS... check the "Exempt As..." status on your assessment notice in March to ensure you've filed a Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit. Separate millage rates exist for properties that qualify as 'homestead' or 'non-homestead.' You must file an exemption form to have a property registered as a principal residence and receive the lower Homestead Tax Millage rate. Find the form at www.midland-mi.org/assessor.

Midland Property Information Online: Assessment and other information on properties located in the city of Midland is available online, 24/7, through the City's property information website (www.midland-mi.org) and at the City Assessor's Office during business hours.

Appealing Your Property Value: Property valuation appeals are directed to the City's March Board of Review. This may be done in person or by letter (see March calendar for dates). If appealing in writing, summarize your reasons and mail to: Board of Review, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, MI 48640. Written appeals must be post-marked by the date of the last scheduled March Board of Review meeting.

You will be notified of a decision by mail in mid-April. An assessment may be changed, but the Board has no jurisdiction or control over total taxes or the tax rate.

If you disagree with the Board's decision, you may appeal further to the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT). Residential property owners must appeal to the Midland Board before the MTT will consider the request. To appeal to the MTT, a letter must be filed no later than July 31 to: Michigan Tax Tribunal, P.O. Box 30232, Lansing, MI 48909. Commercial, industrial, and utility property owners may petition the MTT directly on or before May 31.

Applications for Poverty Exemption: Available at the City Assessor's Office, these forms may be filed with the March, July, or December Board of Review. For details, call 989-837-3334.

Tax Payments: City of Midland taxes are collected twice each year. Winter taxes are due **February 14, 2012** and summer taxes, **September 17, 2012**.

Payment options include:

- 1) Auto-Pay – automatic withdrawal of funds from the bank account of your choosing on the tax due date; or
- 2) By mail to, or in person at, the Treasurer's Office, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland MI 48640.

Due to costs involved in accepting credit cards, they are not accepted for tax payments.

Check out the City's tax information website at www.midland-mi.org for information on properties within Midland's city limits such as tax amount due, tax billing, and valuation history.

Other Payments: Other payments to the City may be made by mail or in person with cash, check, or money order – payable to the City of Midland – at the City Treasurer's Office, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland MI 48640.

Credit cards are accepted in person for payments other than taxes.



Water/Sewer Billing

www.midland-mi.org/water

City residents are billed quarterly for their water and sewer usage. The water/sewer bill is divided into fixed costs ("readiness to serve") and variable costs ("usage"). Usage is billed per 1,000 gallons of water used during a three-month period. The readiness to serve fee is determined by the meter size of a home. Most homes in Midland have a 5/8-inch or one-inch meter.

For billing purposes, the city is separated into three designated billing cycles, which are determined by the location of service. Cycles are coded by color (**Cycle 1 - red, Cycle 2 - green, Cycle 3 - brown**). 2012 due dates are below:

Cycle	Due Date	Cycle	Due Date	Cycle	Due Date
01	02/23/12	02	03/22/12	03	01/19/12
01	05/24/12	02	06/21/12	03	04/19/12
01	08/23/12	02	09/20/12	03	07/26/12
01	11/20/12	02	12/20/12	03	10/25/12
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Paying Your Bill...

ONLINE: Water/sewer bills may be paid online using select credit or debit cards. Visit www.midland-mi.org, select the Pay Online header, then choose Water/Sewer Bill to access the system.

BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER: Pay your water/sewer bill automatically through Auto Pay, an electronic funds transfer program. Customers choose a checking or savings account from which payments are automatically made on the due date. Sign up for this free program using a form at the City's Water Office (333 W. Ellsworth St.) or online (www.midland-mi.org).

MOVING? PLEASE NOTE: A new form must be completed for your new account.

BY MAIL / IN PERSON: You may also pay your bill by mail to, or in person at, the City Treasurer's Office, 333 W. Ellsworth St., Midland, MI 48640.

Water/Sewer Account Actions:

Use our Action Line Request forms at www.midland-mi.org or call the Water Office at 989-837-3341.

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Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A 24-hour drop box is available at City Hall's main entrance. Online payments for water/sewer bills and parking violations may be made at www.midland-mi.org.