

**ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
FAQ**

1) Can I get a tax deduction off of my taxes?

Yes. There is a senior citizen, disabled person, surviving spouse of a senior citizen or disabled person and veteran deduction in the amount of \$250.00 off of your taxes. Please contact the assessor's office by phone #(856) 358-2300 x6011 or e-mail us at lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com for more information.

2) Are Totally Disabled Veterans or Surviving Spouses of Totally Disabled Veterans exempt from taxes?

Yes. If qualified, they are exempt from taxes. Please contact the assessor's office by phone: #(856) 358-2300 x6011 or e-mail: lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com for more information.

3) When are farmland assessment forms mailed out and due back?

They are mailed annually at the end of June and are due back by August 1st. Please contact the assessor's office by phone #(856) 358-2300 x6011 or e-mail us at lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com for more information and qualifications.

4) Can I appeal my taxes?

No. You cannot appeal your taxes-only your assessment. Appeals can be filed annually by April 1st with comparable sales or an appraisal supporting the claim that the assessment is over assessed. Please contact the Salem County Board of Taxation for a tax appeal at #(856)358-3857 x8274 or contact the assessor's office either by phone:#(856)358-2300 x6011or lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com for more information.

5) Can I find out how much my taxes will go up if I add something on my property?

Yes. The assessor will give you an estimate based on the type of construction and the prior year tax rate. Please contact the assessor's office by phone #(856) 358-2300 x6011 or e-mail us at lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com for more information.

6) I am looking to build in Pittsgrove and would like an estimate on my taxes. Is that possible?

Yes. The assessor will need plans of the dwelling to calculate estimated taxes. If interested please contact the assessor's office by phone #(856) 358-2300 x6011 or e-mail us at lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com for more information.

7) What is rollback?

Rollback taxes are due when farm assessed property has a change in use. (Exp. New home construction; No longer being farmed.) Rollback is calculated by bringing the farm assessment up to market value and applying 3 years of back tax rates. If a rollback estimate is needed please contact the assessor's office by phone #(856) 358-2300 x6011 or e-mail us at lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com.

8) Do taxes go up every year?

Usually. Although your assessment can stay the same the tax rate is struck annually using the County, School, Local and Fire Budgets. These budgets determine the tax rate that is multiplied by your assessment to calculate taxes. The assessor's office has no control over taxes but can only ensure you have a fair and correct assessment.

9) How do I order a Certified List of Property Owners within 200' for a variance?

The cost is \$10.00 payable to the Township of Pittsgrove. Please submit fee and required form at least 7 days prior to when needed to the Assessor's Office. This office strives to process your request in a timely fashion, however due to work load the allotted 7 day time frame be necessary.

10) I received my assessment post card and I think my assessment changed from last year. What do I do?

Post cards are mailed annually by January 31st to tax payers showing current year assessment and prior year taxes. It is important to check your assessment. If an assessment is different then what is on your postcard you should contact the Assessor's Office at #(856)358-2300 x6011 or e-mail us at lperella@pittsgrovetownship.com. It is possible a change has occurred with your assessment and if you do not agree it is imperative that you file a tax appeal by April 1st current tax year. If you miss this time frame you will have to wait until the following year to file an appeal and it is not retroactive.