

Blaine County Tax Assistance Programs - 2023

Montana Department of Revenue

1-866-859-2254 or 406-808-7247

Go to: www.revenue.mt.gov. Click on Property Assessment (scroll down to little picture of a house), then click Property Tax relief (scroll down to green with dollar sign). Applications must be submitted by April 15.

Senior Tax Help Available

There are several programs that can help senior property owners save money on their taxes.

Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit (Form 2EC) is available for Montana residents who either own or rent a residence in Montana and have done so for at least 6 months, have been a Montana resident for at least 9 months of the year, and have less than \$45,000 in gross household income. A cash refund is based on the ratio between your income and what you must pay in rent or taxes.

Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP) will reduce your tax obligation if you meet the following income guidelines: \$21,032 or less for a single person or \$28,043 or less for a married couple. The home or mobile home on a foundation must be owned or under contract, and the owner must have lived there for at least seven months during the preceding year.

Extended Property Tax Assistance Program (EPTAP) affects limited properties that have experienced a greater than 24% increase in taxable valuation due to a reappraisal in 2008. For more information on this program please contact the Montana Department of Revenue in your county.

Montana Disabled Veterans Property Tax Benefit (MDV) is available for disabled veterans, or the surviving spouse of a veteran killed on active duty or deceased as a result of a service-connected disability. Income limits are \$48,626 for a single person; \$56,107 for married or head of household. Qualifying for this program may reduce your property tax.

For free help with income tax preparation there is AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. It is volunteer-run and is available to taxpayers with low to moderate income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Many area senior centers have this service available by appointment from February to April 15. You can also go to www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp from February to April 15 and enter your county or zip code to find locations.

The North Central Area Agency on Aging (serving Blaine, Chouteau, Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, Teton, and Toole counties) provides information and services for older adults and those who care for them. Contact the office directly by the following:

311 South Virginia Street, Suite 2, Conrad, Montana 59425
(406) 271-7553 phone
(406) 271-2769 fax
ncaaaseb@3rivers.net

District 4 Human Resources Development Council - Havre Montana

Energy Assistance Programs – <https://hrdc4.org>
(406) 265-6743

Havre Food Bank

<https://hrdc4.org/food-bank/>

Chinook Food Pantry

<https://mfbn.org/resource/chinook-food-pantry/>

Harlem Food Pantry

<https://mfbn.org/resource/harlem-food-pantry/>

Paws of Chinook – Dog Food Assistance

<https://pawsofchinook.rescuegroups.org/>

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