

PRESS RELEASE

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2008 PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Personal Property Valuation Notices will go out in the mail on April 30th, 2008. Once a property owner receives their valuation notice, please review the notice for accuracy of property information and check to see if a penalty has been assessed for not reporting the property.

If the valuation notice indicates that there is a penalty assessed to the value, you will need to contact the Appraiser's Office to find out how to minimize the penalty amount. Pursuant to Kansas law, if a property owner does not report their personal property on or before March 15th of each year, late-filing and/or non-filing penalties will apply up to 50%. A courtesy reminder was recently mailed out to property owners that have an account, but have not yet filed.

Types of personal property that should be reported to the Appraiser's Office annually are items such as watercraft, ATV's, golf carts, general use trailers, manufactured/mobile homes, etc. Business property should also report commercial/industrial machinery & equipment.

If the property owner wishes to appeal the value or if the valuation notice does not correctly represent what was/is owned then they will need to contact the Appraiser's Office at (785) 863-2080 or 1-877-278-4118. The property owner will have 15-days from the date the notice is mailed to appeal; therefore the deadline date is May 15th, 2008.

If appeal deadline is missed, the next opportunity to appeal will be when the first half taxes are paid on or before December 20th. A taxpayer cannot appeal the notice of value and pay the taxes under protest for the same property for the same tax year.