

# COLLEGE PLACE IN REVIEW

## Levy Rates Published

### Your City Representatives

#### Mayor

Rick Newby

#### Council Members

Larry Dickerson  
David Beamer  
William Jenkins  
Marge Nyhagen  
Steve Dickerson  
Bernard Yanke  
Alexander Scott

#### City Administrator

Patrick H. Reay

Walla Walla County Assessor Debra Antes distributed the Walla Walla County 2012 Assessment Guide to cities within the county a short while ago. The booklet lists the assessed values and corresponding levy rates within the county. The current levy rate (the rate charged per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) for College Place is about \$2.62. If you owned a \$100,000 home the property tax collected by the City of College Place would be \$262 annually. This amount does include the fire station bond collection **but does not include** the other taxes assessed by the state or other entities.

Property tax is important to the College Place city government as it funds 34.8% of the 2012 general fund budget. Overall, taxes account for 82.3% of the general fund revenues the city receives. These revenues are extremely important as they support many of the city's departments such as police, fire, building, planning, engineering, administration, finance and the municipal court. Actually, over 60% of these monies are spent on fire and police budgets alone.

Currently for 2012, the city will use the projected \$1,410,388 in property tax collections as follows:

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

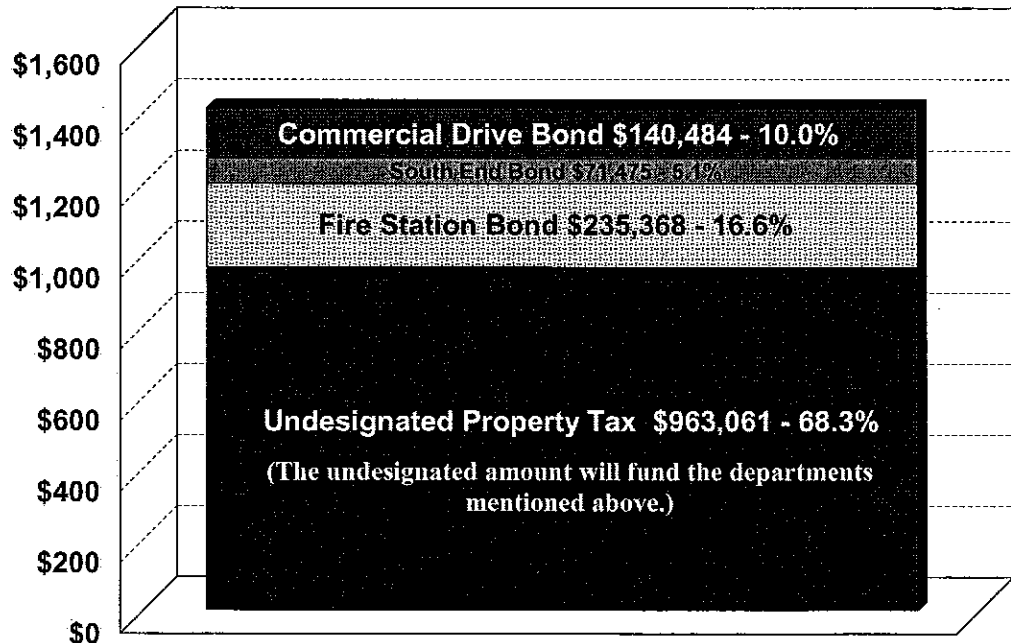
- Levy Rates  
Page 1
- Green Travel  
Cross Connections  
Planting Trees  
Page 2
- Spring Yard Debris  
Page 3
- Building Permits  
Page 4

### QUICK FACT:

City Water Usage  
February 2012  
13,651,000  
February 2011  
13,397,000  
YTD 2012  
27,354,000  
Total 2011  
380,907,000

## 2012 Property Tax Breakdown

Thousands of Dollars



**Total Property Tax Collections: \$1,410,388.**

---

## Green Travel Awards Offered for Earth Week April 16-22, 2012

Awards will be given by Sustainable Walla Walla to the businesses, agencies, schools, churches, and organizations in the Walla Walla area with the best Green Travel programs for employees, students, customers and members during Earth Week 2012, April 16-22.

Green Travel programs encourage people to look for low-energy ways to get to and from work, school, worship, meetings, and other tasks throughout the week of the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, to help make our community and region more sustainable.

Green travel includes bike, bus, walking, carpool, scooters, and other low-energy alternatives to travel by conventional Single Occupancy Vehicles (SOVs).

Participating organizations are asked to describe their Green Travel programs, including publicity, incentives, and results in a letter addressed to Sustainable Walla Walla, PO Box 1222, Walla Walla WA 99362, by Friday, April 27. Awards will be made in several categories, and the overall winner will have their name engraved on a travelling Grand Prize trophy.

In 2010, the first year of the competition, the grand prize winner was Coffey Communications. Last year's grand prize was awarded to the Walla Walla Joint Community Development Agency.

According to Sustainable Walla Walla chair, Marti Buck, "Green commuting is a good way to conserve natural resources, reduce our carbon footprint, save money, build community, and increase mobility." For more information on travelling green, go online to [www.sustainableww.org](http://www.sustainableww.org) or, email [sustainableww@charter.net](mailto:sustainableww@charter.net).




---

### Cross Connections

Underground sprinkler systems require a permit and an inspection by the City's cross connection control specialist. If needed, the cross connection control specialist is available to review installation plans. Upon approval of the installation, the backflow assembly must be tested by a certified backflow assembly tester as well.

All backflow assemblies in service **must be tested annually**. The customer will be responsible for the cost of testing and any other related expenses.

Throughout the spring/summer, the cross connection control specialist will be performing ongoing hazard assessments which may involve reevaluation of your system.

---

### Tips for Planting Trees and or Shrubs

Spring has arrived and many people are considering planting trees or bushes in their yards. Careful planning of trees and/or bush locations can minimize future problems without forfeiting a beautiful yard. Here are some thoughts to consider before you select your plants.

- Lot size.
- How tall will the tree grow?
- What shape will the tree be ... round, oval, etc.

- Are there any power lines close by? If so, plant trees that grow over 25' tall at least 25' away from power lines.
- Trees and shrubs should be planted at least 10 feet away from pad-mounted ground transformers and fire hydrants.
- What type of root system does the tree have? Will it interfere with the foundation of your home, other buildings or sidewalks?
- DO NOT PLANT trees in utility easements.

Now that you have selected plants compatible with your yard, dial 811 (Call Before You Dig) prior to planting.

## SPRING YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION

The City of College Place will have its spring yard debris cleanup the week of April 16– 20. The City will be divided into the following areas for collection:

**MONDAY, April 16** – All residents south of SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street to SR 125, and between SE Larch and S College Avenue. The streets inside this boundary would be Sunny Drive, Sky, Central, Mountain View, Scenic View, Valley, Linda, Broadway, and Sherburne Addition.

**TUESDAY, April 17** – All residents west of College Avenue, including the West Side of College Avenue. Any NW or SW addresses will be collected on this day.

**WEDNESDAY, April 18** – All residents east of SE Larch and south of SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Areas in this boundary include the east side of Larch, Highland Park, Davin Drive, Garrison Creek Heights, Villages of Garrison Creek, Autumn Meadows, Harvest Meadows, Harvest Heights, Country Estates, Knapp Addition, Dewey Drive, Vista Place and SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street east of Larch.

**THURSDAY, April 19** – All residents north of SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and east of College Avenue. Areas in this boundary are the north side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, east side of College Avenue, Ash, Sunset Villa, Deccio Road, Maple, Flowers Lane, Hawthorne Addition, Tamarack, Elder, Damson, Cottonwood, Beechwood, Rose, Ivy Lane, Tremont, NE "A", NE "C", Birch, NE Cedar, SE 2<sup>nd</sup>, SE 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mulberry, Fernwood, Sprucewood, Kingwood, and Redwood, Bunky, Sedona, and Mulberry.

**FRIDAY, April 20** – All residences between SE 4<sup>th</sup> and SE 12<sup>th</sup> and between S College and SE Larch. Areas in this boundary include the border streets, SE 5<sup>th</sup>, Hillcrest, Date, Birch, SE 6<sup>th</sup>, Elm, Villa Tuscany Estates, SE 8<sup>th</sup>, SE 9<sup>th</sup>, SE 10<sup>th</sup>, SE Cedar, Brentwood Place, SE 11<sup>th</sup>, Cotter Place, Stanford, Belmont, and Broadway.

Guidelines for collection are as follows:

- 1 – All debris must be bundled, bagged, boxed, or contained.
- 2 – No item should be over 65 pounds.
- 3 – Yard debris only.
- 4 – 5 items maximum.
- 5 – No bundled brush in lengths over 5'.

Put your debris out the evening before your area is scheduled for pick up. Please locate all yard debris in the street approximately 6 inches away from the curb. **Anything above the allowed amount will be subject to charge.**

Remember the City will not begin pickup until April 16<sup>th</sup>.

City of College Place  
625 S. College Ave.  
College Place, WA 99324

**Phone Numbers:**

City Hall— 529-1200  
Court— Ext. 16  
Utilities— Ext. 11  
Building/Planning/Public  
Works/Engineering—  
525-0510  
Fire Dept.— 529-6506  
Police — 525-7778 or 7773  
Dispatch— 527-1960

We're on the web!  
[www.ci.college-place.wa.us](http://www.ci.college-place.wa.us)

**Municipal Building Hours:**

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Police Department Hours:**

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## Planning a Project?

Many choose to fix up their homes by adding a new room or remodeling their existing home. If you are considering this, please be aware of the need for a permit.

**You will need a permit if you are:**

**Building or installing:** Patio, deck or patio covers, chimneys, garage, ventilation, heating or air-conditioning supply or exhaust, swimming pool, tool or storage shed (larger than a 10' X 12')

**Adding or changing:** Rooms, dormers, bay windows or other wall openings, water heater or any other parts of the plumbing, furnaces or any other parts of the heating and gas system, circuits or any other parts of the electrical system, walls to a porch, garage to livable area

**Replacing or repairing:** Roofing, termite work (replacing siding, foundation, etc.), porches, existing stone, brick or concrete, wall covering (drywall or sheeting)

**Demolishing:** Any structure, or part of a structure, or any other changes that affect the structure of any building, even a tool shed, on your property. (This requirement is to insure that demolished structures are removed from the tax rolls.)

If you are still in doubt as to whether or not a permit is required or have any questions, call the building department at 525-0510 or go to our website [www.ci.college-place.wa.us](http://www.ci.college-place.wa.us). We have brochures you can read and/or print off for use at a later date.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 2 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 9 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 16 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 17 - Planning Commission, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 23 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers

### MAY

- 7 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 14 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 15 - Planning Commission, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 21 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 28 - Memorial Day - City Hall Closed