



Important Abington Township Tax Information

Tax Office: 267-536-1024
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am - 5pm
Friday 8am - 4pm

Taxes for Abington Township Include:

- The Real Estate Tax
- The Real Estate Transfer Tax (collected by Montgomery County)
- The Local Services Tax
- The Mercantile & Business Privilege Tax (Gross Receipts)
- The Earned Income Tax (collected by Berkheimer Associates)

Township Taxes for 2017

Real Estate Tax	-	(see below)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	-	1%
Local Services Tax	-	\$52 Annually
Business & Mercantile Business Privilege Tax	-	.0015 Retail; .001 for Wholesale;
Earned Income Tax	-	.004 Service Business, Rental and Contractors
		1% (.5% to Township; .5% to School District)

Real Estate Taxes 2016

Abington Township	-	4.203 mills
Abington School District (07/01/16 to 06/30/17)	-	30.83 mills
Montgomery County	-	3.459 mills

Example of a House Assessed at \$150,000

Township Tax	4.203 mills x 150,000	= \$ 630
School District Tax	30.83 mills x 150,000	= \$4,624
County Tax	3.459 mills x 150,000	= \$ 518
MCCC(CTY)	0.390 mills x 150,000	= \$ 58
Total		\$5,830

Breakdown of Township Taxes

General	-	2.273 mills
Fire Tax (to support Abington Volunteer Co.'s)	-	.72 mills
Library Tax	-	.43 mills
Debt Service	-	.52 mills
Ambulance Service	-	.01 mills
Parks & Recreation Tax	-	<u>.25 mills</u>
Total	-	4.203 mills

Important Tax Facts That You Should Know

- Tax bills are mailed to the homeowner. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to forward the tax bill to their mortgage company if required. The tax office should be updated immediately with any mailing address change.
- The Township/County bill is mailed the first week in February each year. The tax is for the period of January 1 to December 31. This bill includes the following:
 - Township real estate taxes which includes the fire tax, and the sewer and refuse fee. The sewer fee is based on the meter size and volume of water that is used each year. The refuse fee is based on the size and number of trash containers you use.
 - Montgomery County real estate taxes.

- The Abington School District tax bill is mailed the first week in July each year. The tax is for the period of July 1 to June 30.
 - Property Tax Relief - Abington Township residents receive a homestead tax reduction on their primary residence. All applications for the homestead exclusion must be received by the Board of Assessments on or before March 1 to be eligible for the reduction on the school real estate tax bill.
 - You are not required to file each year once you have been approved for the homestead exclusion. You would need to re-apply if you move or the title of the property changes name. Forms can be obtained on the Montgomery County website (montcopa.org) or contact the tax office at 267-536-1024.

- Assessment
 - Abington Township does not assess your property. This is done by the Montgomery County Board of Assessments. The last time a county-wide reassessment was done was 1998. A property's assessment can change up or down for various reasons. Increases to a property assessment might include: in-ground swimming pool, addition, central air-conditioning, decks, etc. Decreases to a property assessment might include: removal of in-ground pool, demolition of deck or garage, etc.
 - Interim tax bills will be prepared and mailed to the homeowner based on all increases or decreases to the assessed value of your home.

- Local Services Tax
 - The Local Services Tax is a \$52 annual tax for anyone employed or self-employed in Abington Township who earns over \$12,000. Payment of this tax is due quarterly. This tax is collected by the Abington Township Tax Office.

- Mercantile/Business Privilege Tax
 - All businesses are required to submit a Business License Application prior to operating a business in the township. An estimate tax must be paid within 60 days after opening date.
 - The Mercantile/Business Privilege Tax return is to be filed by April 15th of each year. This tax is based on the gross receipts as shown on the federal income tax return of all business income. Business income consists of all services, retail and wholesale sales, and rentals. Corporations and partnerships are required to report interest/dividends/capital gains. Businesses (including rental) are entitled to an annual exclusion of \$2,500 to be deducted from their gross receipts.

- Earned Income Tax
 - The Earned Income Tax is withheld by all employers in the township at the rate of 1% and is collected by H.A.Berkheimer Associates (610-599-3139) (hab-inc.com). If you are self-employed you must submit quarterly estimates to Berkheimer. This tax is split 50/50 between the township and the school district.

- E-Mail
 - The tax office has instituted an e-mail notification service to advise residents of the mailing of the real estate/school tax bills, reminders of tax due dates and other township information. If you have not signed up for this notification and would like to receive it, please e-mail the Treasurer at jblumenthal@abington.org. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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