



BREMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE:

415 E BREMER AVE, WAVERLY, IA 50677

HOURS: 8:00-4:30 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY (B&Z: 7:00-4:30 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY)

BREMER COUNTY WEBSITE: bremercounty.iowa.gov

BREMER COUNTY BEACON WEBSITE: www.beacon.schneidercorp.com

Dear Resident,

On behalf of the Bremer County Assessor's Office, we extend a warm welcome to you as you embark on this new chapter in Bremer County. Whether you've recently moved here, are considering making Bremer County your home, or you are simply relocating within Bremer County we're delighted to connect with you.

As you settle into your new surroundings, we invite you to explore the contents of this packet in order to familiarize yourself with the roll of the county assessor. In Iowa, the local assessor is charged with several administrative and statutory duties, however, the primary charge is to determine the valuation and classification of all real property within their jurisdiction. This would include residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural property. The assessed value is to be at actual or market value for most property. The Bremer County Assessor's Office is dedicated to provide fair, accurate and equitable assessments to all property owners in Bremer County.

In addition, we'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the possible credits and exemptions on your property taxes that are available for you to apply. Included within are qualifications and deadlines for applying, as well as links to Bremer County websites for easy online applications, sales questionnaires, mailing address updates and data corrections. **Even if you previously applied in Bremer County or somewhere else you will need to reapply now that you have moved. We also have a favor to ask of you as a homeowner. While you are online applying for those new credits and possible exemptions, please take a moment to fill out the sales questionnaire too. The link for it is located right below the links for Homestead and Military on the Beacon website. Thank you in advance for your consideration to help with the accuracy of your property listing 😊

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if there's anything we can assist you with. Welcome to Bremer County—we're thrilled to have you here!

Warm regards,

Aaron V. Betts, ICA
Bremer County Assessor



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BREMER COUNTY RESOURCES

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Visit the Bremer County Website.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

For Bremer County Property Information, Online Applications, Sales Questionnaires, Mailing Address Changes, Data Corrections go to: www.beacon.schneidercorp.com

Phone: 319-352-0145

Fax: 319-352-0150

- Assessments
- All Credits & Exemptions (except Disabled/Senior low-income credit--See Treasurer)



Visit Bremer County Beacon Website.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Phone: 319-352-0214

Fax: 319-352-8888

- Victims' Rights
- Enforces Violations of State Laws & County Ordinances
- Represents the State, Department of Human Services & Juvenile Court Services in proceedings involving a child in need of assistance

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Phone: 319-352-0130

GIS OFFICE:

Phone: 319-352-5043

- Manage & Create Geographic Information relative to Bremer County
- Data Request (fees may apply)

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Phone: 319-352-0340

Fax: 319-352-0290

- Voter Registration & All Election Information
- Real Estate Transfer Information
- Tax Rates
- Plat Maps
- Cigarette & Beer Licenses
- Board of Supervisors Agendas & Minutes

RECORDER'S OFFICE:

Phone: 319-352-0401

- Sportsmen License Fees
- Recording Fees
- Application Downloads
- Historic Document Archive
- Passport Information
- Vital Records
- Recreational Vehicle Registrations

BUILDING & ZONING OFFICE:

www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/residents/building_zoning & sanitation/index.php

For Permits: Go to the Building & Zoning page on the Bremer County website and select Permit Applications.

Phone: 319-352-0332

- Building Permits
- Inspections
- Ordinances & Codes
- Private Well Testing

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

For Taxes-Phone: 319-352-0242

For Motor Vehicle-Phone: 319-352-0164

For Drivers License-Phone: 319-352-2615

- Pay Property Taxes & Property Tax Information
- Motor Vehicle Renewals, Information & License Plates
- Drivers License Renewal
- Update Address Changes (within 30 Days of move)
- Disabled/Senior Low-Income Tax Credit Applications (annual sign-up, based on income)



VISIT THE BREMER COUNTY WEBSITE.

BREMER COUNTY RESOURCES:

LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE BREMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

CONSERVATION OFFICE:

Location: 1104 S Main St, Tripoli IA 50676

Phone: 319-882-4742

- Directory for Parks, Wildlife Areas, Recreation Areas
- Park Use Fees
- Campgrounds/Parks
- Wildlife & Other Recreation Areas/DNR Maps
- Lakes/Ponds/Prairies
- Rules & Regulations
- Hunting

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Location: 403 3rd St SE, Waverly IA 50677

Phone: 319-559-2297

- Employment Opportunities
- Job Descriptions & Applications

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Location: 403 3rd St SE, Waverly IA 50677

Phone: 319-352-0082

SECONDARY ROADS:

Location: 1995 Euclid Ave, Waverly IA 50677

Phone: 319-352-4302

Fax: 319-352-4326

- Engineering
- Maintenance
- Permits for Entrance/Driveway, Right of Way, Utility, Dust Control, Moving
- Road Work Notifications

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE:

Location: Bremer County Annex

203 1st Ave NE, Waverly IA 50677

Phone: 319-352-4209

VA Van Rides: 319-596-5800

- General Relief
- Other VA Contact Information
- Suggested Websites
- VA Van Ride Information

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Location: 111 4th St NE, Waverly IA 50677

Phone: 319-352-5400

Fax: 319-352-0233

- Crisis Help
- School Resource Officer/D.A.R.E.
- Sheriff's Sales
- Jail
- Civil/Records Division
- Weapons Permits
- Iowa Sex Offender Registry
- Animal Control Ordinances
- UTV Ordinances

OTHER COUNTY RESOURCES:

www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/residents/index.php

- Mental Health Developmental Disabilities-- 319-352-2993
- Clerk of Court—319-352-5661
- General Assistance—319-352-2993
- Extension Office—319-882-4275
- Emergency Management—319-352-0133
- Community Based Services—319-352-2990
- Roadside Vegetation Management—319-559-0559
- Landfill—319-352-4574
- Community Links—Visit Bremer County Website

Homestead Tax Credit, Homestead Tax Exemption 65+ & Military Tax Exemption Notice

The Bremer County Assessor's Office would like to remind property owners to sign up for the Homestead Tax Credit if you have purchased or built a new home within the last 12 months or have not signed up previously. This credit is a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

In addition to the Homestead Tax Credit, claimants who are 65 years of age or older on or before January 1 of the assessment year are eligible for a Homestead Tax Exemption. An exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

Eligibility for the Homestead Credit & the Homestead Exemption: You must own and occupy the property as your primary homestead on July 1 of each year, declare residency in Iowa for income tax purposes and occupy the property for at least six months each year. Once a property owner qualifies for the credit and/or exemption, the credit and exemption continue until the property is sold or until the owner no longer qualifies. Please refer to Iowa Code, Chapter 425.

Property owners may be eligible for a Military Tax Exemption. Again, an exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of the property rather than a direct reduction in the amount of property tax you pay.

Eligibility for the Military Tax Exemption: You must be a resident of Iowa, have been involved in full-time active duty during a war or conflict, be a veteran defined by Iowa Code 35.1* or served 18 months active duty and have been honorably discharged. (The original or a certified copy of the DD214 must be recorded in the Bremer County Recorder's Office by July 1 the year the exemption is first claimed. Your DD 214 needs to show release from active duty during a qualified time for other than training purposes.) Once a property owner qualifies for the exemption, the exemption will continue until the property is sold or until the owner no longer qualifies. Surviving spouses remain eligible for the exemption as long as they do not remarry and the exemption continues until the property owner is no longer eligible. Please refer to Iowa Code, Chapter 427.

Disabled Veteran Homestead Tax Credit: Refer to Code of Iowa, Chapter 425.15. For more detailed information on this credit please see the assessor's page on the Bremer County Website under Credits & Exemptions, call the Bremer County Veteran's Affairs Office at 319-352-4209 or reach out to the Bremer County Assessor's Office.

Filing deadlines for these credits & exemptions: For the 2024 valuation the deadline is July 1, 2024. (After July 1 all applications would be considered for the following year.) Please note: The same application is used for both the Homestead Tax Credit and the Homestead Tax Exemption.

Application forms may be found online at the Bremer County Assessor's section on Bremer County's website <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/assessor/assessor.php> or the Department of Revenue's website at <https://tax.iowa.gov/tax-credits-and-exemptions>. You may also go directly to <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com> or visit the Bremer County Assessor's Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office 8-4:30 Monday-Friday at 319-352-0145.

*House File 259 recently updated Iowa's definition of a veteran. Individuals may now qualify for the Military Tax Exemption if they were members of the National Guard or Reserves who have a VA service-connected disability.

IOWA ASSESSMENT / PROPERTY TAX CYCLE

DATE	ACTIVITY
January 1	Assessment Date
February 1	Filing deadline for most exemption, see Credits and Exemptions section on Assessor page of Bremer County website for additional information.
April 1	Assessors complete assessments and notify taxpayers.
April 2-25	Taxpayers may request informal review of assessment by Assessor.
On or before April 25	Following informal review, Assessor may enter into a signed written agreement with the property owner or aggrieved taxpayer authorizing the Assessor to correct or modify the assessment according to the agreement of the parties.
April 2-30	Taxpayers may appeal assessments to the local board of review.
May 1-31	Local board of review consider appeals. This time may be extended to July 15 by the Iowa Department of Revenue Director (IDR) or Disaster Proclamation
June 15	Local board of review submit reports to Iowa Department of Revenue.
July 1	Period for filing for Homestead Credit, Homestead Exemption and Military Exemption. 1. Filing for Homestead or Military for the first time 2. Purchased or moved into a new home. Occupying July 1st. 3. Using home as primary homestead but did not previously apply.
August 15	IDR issues tentative equalization notifications to assessors <u>odd years</u> .
September	IDR holds equalization hearings, which are held for public input.
October 1	IDR issues final equalization orders to county auditors.
By October 8	The county auditor must publish notice of the final equalization order by this date, and must provide by mail to the taxpayers if the equalization order results in an increase in valuation.
October 9-31	Taxpayers may protest the final equalization order to local board of review.
October 10-Nov 15	Local board of review meet to hear equalization protests.
November 1	IDR certifies assessment limitation (rollback) percentages to county auditors.
November 15	Local board of review submit a report about the equalization protests to the IDR.
December 1 - April 30	Taxing authorities adopt budgets based on taxable valuations.
May	Levies are Certified.
July 1	County treasurer receives authorization to collect taxes.
September 1	First half of taxes are due. (delinquent 1st business day after last day of month)
March 1	Second half of taxes are due. (delinquent 1st business day after last day of month)

January - June

July-December

Current Year



CHECK LIST FOR NEW BUYER

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- Apply for the Homestead Tax Credit:** Deadline is July 1. After July 1 will be considered for the following tax year.
- Apply for the Homestead Tax Exemption 65+ (if applicable).** Deadline is July 1. After July 1 will be considered for the following tax year.
- Apply for the Military Tax Exemption (if applicable).** Must record DD214 separation paper in the Bremer County Recorder's Office. Deadline for both the application and recorded DD214 is July 1. After July 1 will be considered for the following tax year.
- Fill out the Sales Questionnaire.** This can be found on the Beacon, Bremer County website at the bottom of the real estate listing for your parcel.
- Update your Mailing Address.** At any time, your mailing address may change for a number of reasons (snowbird, added or closed a PO Box, moved, new build, etc) please go to Beacon, Bremer County and click on the link to Address Change Form under your parcel/parcels and make the necessary correction.
- Update Information on your parcel's Real Estate Listing.** At any time, you may help us keep the details of your parcel/parcels correct for accurate assessment purposes by finding your parcel/parcels on Beacon, Bremer County. Click on the link to Data Correction. List any new construction, buildings removed, or remodeling. Remodeling includes room additions, added plumbing, fireplaces, basement finish (ceiling, walls or partitions), decks and any other physical changes to a house or other building.

***All of the above can be completed on our website at www.beacon.schneidercorp.com and/or in the Bremer County Assessor's Office in the lower level of the Bremer County Courthouse.

OTHER OFFICES AT THE COURTHOUSE:

- Update your Voter Registration.** This is done through the Bremer County Auditor's Office on the 1st floor of the Bremer County Courthouse. For more info call the Auditor's Office at 319-352-0340.
- Update your Iowa Driver's License.** This is done through the Bremer County Treasurer's Office on the 1st floor of the Bremer County Courthouse. For more info call the Treasurer's Office at 319-352-2615.
- Update your Motor Vehicle Registration.** This is done through the Bremer County Treasurer's Office on the 1st floor of the Bremer County Courthouse. For more info call the Treasurer's Office at 319-352-0164.