

The New Fairfield Assessors office is reminding new residents with out of state license plates and all other residents, of the Connecticut law regarding vehicle registration and motor vehicle tax.

Connecticut gives you 60 days after establishing residency to complete the registration of an out-of-state vehicle. Contact the department of Motor vehicles at <https://portal.ct.gov/DMV> for information on how to register your vehicle.

Per Connecticut State Statute 12-71(g): Unregistered or Non-Connecticut Registered Motor Vehicles. Any vehicle not registered in Connecticut is subject to property tax in the state if such vehicle, in the normal course of operation, most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in one or more points within the state. If the owner of such vehicle is a resident of the state it is presumed the above occurs in the town in which the owner resides, unless evidence, satisfactory to the assessor, is submitted to the contrary. It is up to the owner of the vehicle to declare such vehicle with the Assessor's Office by November 1st of each assessment year. Failure to declare will result in a 25% penalty per Connecticut State Statute. (The penalty will be added to the vehicle(s) assessment).

If in the course of inspections we see a vehicle with out of state plates, and you have not registered it within 60 days of moving here, the Assessor's Office will research, try to contact you and give you an opportunity to complete a personal property declaration.

It is our mission to ensure the tax burden is shared equally so we may all contribute to the workings of this wonderful town.

Vehicles are valued using the NADA price guide, and assessments are based on 70% of book value.

The assessment year starts October 1, 2021. The deadline to declare your vehicle(s) (if not registered in Connecticut by October 1, 2021) is November 1st, 2021. Personal property declarations are available on the assessor's website or can be emailed by request.

Please contact the Assessor's Office with any questions.

New Fairfield Assessor

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