

TOWN OF VERNON, CONNECTICUT
LEGAL NOTICE

VETERANS

Any new veterans moving into Vernon need to have their discharge on file with the Town Clerk. The original form DD214 has to be filed with the Town Clerk **before October 1, 2009** in order to receive benefits. If a veteran had lived in Vernon and moved away, and has now returned they need to notify the Assessors Office in order to activate their veteran exemption. Any claimant, still serving and unable to appear in person may forward to the Assessor annually a written statement, signed by the commanding officer of their unit or by the presentation of a notarized statement of a parent, guardian spouse or legal representative of the claimant. The time served has to have been during wartime. Any Veteran that is income limited that has not reapplied since last year should also contact the Assessor's Office. Forms can be obtained at the Assessor's Office. If there are any questions please call the Assessors Office. **(870-3625)**

Disabled Veterans: If you have a:

10-25% Disability Rating, your assessment exemption is 3,000

26-50% Disability Rating, your assessment exemption is 4,000

51-76% Disability Rating, your assessment exemption is 5,000

76-100% Disability rating, your assessment exemption is 6,000 (age 65 and older)

NEW: Members of the National Guard who performed homeland security duties under Title 32 for 90 days or more on or before August 2, 1990 may be entitled to an exemption. The exemption is for **10/1/2008** going forward. Also, any National Guard member performing homeland security duty on **October 1, 2008** or subsequent assessment date should call our office immediately. Please call for details.

Personal Property Declarations must be filled out, according to law, **between October 1st and November 1st, 2009**. Those engaged in any type of business in the Town of Vernon failing to submit their declaration will receive a 25% Penalty of the total assessment due and payable in July 2010.

Beginning OCTOBER 6th you can access our link below and file your Personal Property Declaration electronically. You do have to submit a hard copy of the signature page to the Assessor no later than November 1st. This should save the taxpayer time and means you can save your information electronically for future reference. We will be mailing out the hardcopy declaration along with your unique password to access our web-file. There will be instructions attached.

Personal Property consists of: unregistered motor vehicles, campers, trailers, truck campers: snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, junk autos, farm equipment, horses, commercial furniture, fixtures and equipment, farming and mechanic tools, cables, conduits, gas pipes, electric and water companies.

Personal Property forms are mailed out to all those persons who declared personal property last year. All new businesses should appear before the Assessor the first time they declare such property to avoid any misunderstandings going forward. That is the opportunity to ask questions what should be declared and how to file the declaration. If personal property has been disposed of during the assessment year, please return the form stating the disposition of same.

All real property and registered motor vehicles are declared by the Assessor. The blind should furnish proof of their disability and must file such proof with the Assessor by **October 1st, 2009**.

All persons filing for land reductions under PA-490 farm, forest and open space, for the first time must submit an application to the Assessor between **September 1st and November 1st, 2009**. Recent changes in the law regarding New Forestland. Applications require the applicant to contact the Assessor. Open Space Applications must be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to filing with the Assessor.

New Change in the Law regarding disabled persons: You only have to file your Disability Rating with the assessor once unless the percentage changes. Totally disabled persons who are receiving permanent total disability under the Social Security program are entitled to an exemption of \$1,000 from their property assessment they own. You must submit an affidavit from Social Security to be eligible. The filing deadline for new applicants is **October 1, 2009**.

Board of Assessment Appeal Hearing for Motor Vehicles is Monday September 21st, 2009 from 5-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 22nd, from 5 – 7 p.m. and Wednesday September 23rd from 5-7:00PM for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the assessments of motor vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2008

First come, first serve basis. (State Statute #12-110) Town Hall Annex Building @ 8 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut (Next to Town Hall) anyone that appeals the assessment based on condition or high mileage must bring their vehicle to the hearing for an inspection. **(860) 870-3625**

HYBRID VEHICLE EXEMPTION

Application filing period is prior to December 31st, 2009 for the 10/1/2009 Grand List. Applications available in assessor's office, proof of EPA rating is required. Call for details. This application needs only to be filed once as long as you own the vehicle. If you change vehicles, you need to reapply with the specific details of the hybrid vehicle.

SOLAR ENERGY EXEMPTION

Applications for solar energy exemptions are available in the assessor's office. The value **ADDED** by the installation of passive or active solar systems will be the amount of the assessment exemption.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Assessor