

# How is your property tax dollar spent?

When you write your property tax check to Clatsop County, only some of the money goes to the county. We *collect* the taxes and *distribute* the money to 60 taxing districts providing a variety of public services. On average, out of every **\$1** you pay, just **12.2 cents** goes to Clatsop County government. This illustration shows how an average tax dollar is distributed.

## Your property tax dollar goes:



## Your 12.2 cents to Clatsop County provides:

- 4.7 cents**  
**Public Safety and Justice**  
Sheriff's patrols and investigations, jail, district attorney's office, juvenile department
- 2.2 cents**  
**Public Services**  
Assessment & taxation, elections and records, surveyor, land-use planning and development, public health
- 2.0 cents**  
**Miscellaneous**  
Data systems services, finance, education, animal control, building maintenance, parks, capital projects
- 1.5 cents**  
**Contingency**  
Set aside for unanticipated expenses
- 0.9 cent**  
**Administration**  
County administration, human resources, legal counsel
- 0.9 cent**  
**Fairgrounds**  
Five-year special option levy approved by voters for Enhanced operations and facility improvements



### County services your property tax dollar does NOT pay for:

- Building codes inspection and enforcement
- Transition Center and most adult parole and probation
- Commission on Children and Families
- Economic development
- Fisheries Project
- Law library

*These programs are funded by grants, fees and other sources.*

\*County figures provided do not include Clatsop County Rural Law Enforcement District or Road District No. 1. Out of every \$1 that rural taxpayers pay, about 2¢ goes to the Rural Law Enforcement District and 3¢ to the Road District.

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