

**1) Why would the Township Assessor visit my property?**

- a) The Assessor's Office inspects property when notified of **new construction, remodeling or demolition** on a parcel.
- b) The Assessor's Office may inspect a property that has been **sold** within the last three years to confirm the data on the property record card reflects the current structure.
- c) The Assessor's Office reviews a portion of the properties in the Township each year. This process is periodically required by the State Tax Commission.

**2) What are the activities the Assessor's Office will perform during an inspection?**

- Measure and photograph the property:

The Assessor's Office during an inspection may need to measure and photograph the property. Depending on the purpose of the inspection (new construction, re-inspection or sale) and the information on the current record card will determine if anything needs measured or updated pictures will be required.

**3) Why are these inspections required?**

The State of Michigan requires the Assessment records to be as detailed and up to date as possible. They also require an exterior measurement of the home/building as well as measurements of any improvement on the property. A photograph is taken for Township records and for informational purposes. The photo will be extremely beneficial not only to assist the Department of Assessment, but also as a reference for taxpayers, realtors, and appraisers. The State of Michigan requires the Department of Assessment records to be as detailed and up to date as possible.

**4) Do you need to go to my backyard?**

Our assessors are required to go into your backyard to complete the inspection. They will first knock at the door; if there is no answer, they will begin to measure the front of the house/building and make their way around to the back of the property.

**5) Do you need to come inside my home?**

Our assessors do not need to be inside your home during the inspection. Everything we need to see will be reviewed on an exterior basis only. The assessors may have questions about the interior, so please cooperate as much as possible.

6) [Will everything on my property be measured and inspected?](#)

Yes, some items will be picked up as informational items only, but the State of Michigan requires any improvements, big or small, to be inspected and measured.

7) [When will the results of the inspections affect my tax bill?](#)

If your property is inspected from April 15, 2025, to December 31, 2025, you will see the adjustment on your 2026 tax bills. Look for your notice of assessment which is mailed out every year at the end of **February** to see how your assessed value and the taxable value is impacted.

8) [When will I be able to see the results of the inspection?](#)

Due to timelines set by the General Property Tax Act and limited staff, if your property is visited in 2025, you can expect to see the results and receive a copy of the record card by the end of February 2026, after you receive your notice of assessment.