

2010 Data Mailer FAQs

- 1. Why did I receive this?** The data mailer has been sent to all property owners in Allegheny County. The Office of Property Assessments would like to ensure that all property information is correct. We are simply asking that you review the information on the form, make any corrections if needed, and mail the form back in the pre-paid envelope.
- 2. Do I have to mail this back?** It is the county's goal to have accurate property information. Regardless if changes were made to the form or not, the county is asking that you return the completed form in the mail. Although it is not mandatory, all information is helpful in updating our records.
- 3. Is this the reassessment?** At this time, the purpose of this form is only to update property data records. A new value is not being placed on your property.
- 4. When is the reassessment taking place?** The court-mandated assessment will take place in the 2012 tax year. The pre-certified values will be published in late 2011.
- 5. Will my taxes go up?** We do not know. At this stage of the process we are only confirming data. We are not putting a new value on your property.
- 6. I recently mailed a Sales V&V form back to your office with our property corrections. Do I need to mail this back as well?** (Confirm that we have received the V&V and it has been scanned into FileNet): NO. (If V&V was never received): YES, please make any necessary corrections and send back to the county in the pre-paid envelope.
- 7. Can I fax in my Data Mailer?** No, please return your data mailer in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.
- 8. I have an additional structure on my property that is not listed. Should I list it on the form?** Yes, in the space below "Roof Type," please list the additional structure(s) and square footage.
- 9. My fireplace has been capped. Should I still count it?** NO. Only working fire places are considered for the purpose of this form.
- 10. The information on the data mailer is incorrect, and I just received my tax bill. Should I still pay my tax bill or wait until the information is corrected?** Pay your tax bill as you normally would. If the incorrect information is verified by a county assessor, the assessment may be adjusted. If the assessment is adjusted, your tax bill will be adjusted.
- 11. The square footage on the data mailer is wrong. How can I get this corrected?** You may first correct the square footage on the data mailer and send it back. The county will then send an assessor to your property to verify this.
- 12. The Data Mailer was sent to MY address but has someone else's name on it. Should I throw it out?** Please open the letter. If the property location listed on the right side of the letter is your address, please fill out the form and mail it back in the pre-paid envelope. If the address on the right side is not your property, please re-seal the envelope the letter came in and write "Return to Sender" on it. The county will update its records accordingly.
- 13. The sketch shows that I have a wood deck, but I removed the deck last year.** Please note next to "Wood Deck" that it has been removed.
- 14. It has been more than 10 days since I received the letter. Can I still mail it back to the County?** Yes.