



# Saint Louis County

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### Residential assessments to begin in Duluth

If you live in the eastern part of Duluth, you will soon be getting a visit from the St. Louis County Assessor's staff. Real estate appraisers will be visiting homes in the Lakeside, Lester Park, Woodland and Hunters Park neighborhoods beginning in July and continuing through the fall. During that same time period, commercial appraisers will be visiting apartments city-wide. This is the first time County assessors will be conducting appraisals of residential properties and commercial apartments in Duluth since the City's assessor's office merged with the County earlier this year.

State law requires that all properties be inspected every five years. This ensures that property data is accurate, and that all properties receive fair and equitable market values. The County has a plan to appraise homes in other parts of Duluth in future years, working east to west.

Property owners due for re-appraisal will receive a postcard confirming they will receive a visit. If an appraiser comes to your home, he or she will present identification and request permission to view the interior of your home. If you are not at home, the appraiser will leave a card indicating that the property has been visited, and you will have the option to set up an appointment to arrange an interior inspection.

Notices of valuation and classification based on the new assessment will be mailed out in the spring of 2014. Property owners then have the opportunity to appeal their valuation and classification.

"The appraisal process is an important step in the administration of the property tax system," said Dave Sipila, St. Louis County Assessor. "I encourage anyone with questions relating to their assessment to contact our office directly."

For more information about the assessment process, call (218) 726-2304 or online at [stlouiscountymn.gov](http://stlouiscountymn.gov).

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