



Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Taxes

Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
And they marveled at him.

Mark 12:17



Understanding Taxes:

In Florida, property tax bills are divided into **two main parts**:

1. Ad Valorem Taxes - Based on the *value* of the property

- Include county, city, and school board taxes
- Usually exempt for churches and religious schools with an approved religious exemption
- Filed by Property Development Office

2. Non-Ad Valorem Taxes - Not based on property value

- Based on *services or benefits* provided to the property
- Charged as flat fees or special assessments

But aren't all church properties exempt?

No, buildings that are currently used for religious purposes (schools or churches) can be exempt. If we can show plans to develop vacant land, we can often obtain exemptions.

Houses that are not part of church-related activities are not exempt.

TRIM (Truth In Millage)

TRIM notices are sent in August

They are NOT a bill but a chance to confirm

- Your church property is tax-exempt
- The value is appropriate
- Counties may request furniture and equipment values

Timeline:

❖ August

- TRIM – confirm online

❖ November

- Confirm Ad Valorem tax exemption
November

❖ January

- Property Development applies for Ad Valorem tax exemption

❖ March

- Non-Ad Valorem Taxes – Due annually by March 31

Discounts if you pay between November and February

How to Find Your Taxes Online

Google your county's Property Appraiser's website.

* Note: Be careful and confirm you are on official site

Search by Address or Parcel ID/Folio.

Resources

Property Development



Tax Guides



<https://floridaconference.com/property-development/>