

# IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING CHANGES FOR 2026

As a result of the passage of Connecticut Public Act 26-114, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has made changes to the Personal Property Declaration. Most taxpayers previously filed the “Short Form” declaration, which was an abbreviated version intended for easier filing. OPM no longer allows the use of the Short Form. The longer form that is enclosed must be used for filing. **Failing to use the new form will result in a state-mandated 25% penalty.** There are also some new filing codes, revised depreciation schedules, and updated property descriptions, as described below.

- **Codes 10 and 13** - Manufacturing Machinery & Equipment (both exempt and non-exempt): Depreciation schedules have changed.
- **Code 20** - Electronic Data Processing Equipment: Divided into **Codes 20a and 20b** with different depreciation schedules. Computers for most filers fall under Code 20a.
- **Code 21a:** No changed and should continue to be used for telecommunication equipment that is not technologically advanced including traditional phone systems, cables, conduits and other support equipment.
- **Code 21b:** Revised to include certain technologically advanced equipment previously reported under Code 16, including copiers, fax machines, medical testing equipment, and similar technologically advanced equipment that is not data-processing equipment. Computers should not be reported under Code 21b.
- **Property Codes and Descriptions:** Descriptions have been updated in compliance with the new law. Please review each description carefully before reporting your property.

**Is this your first time receiving a Personal Property Declaration?** Please contact the Assessor’s Office with any questions. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions pamphlet available on the Town’s website and in the office.

## OFFICE INFORMATION

Declarations can be dropped off, emailed, or delivered in person.

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Monday through Wednesday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM\*

Thursday 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM\*

\*Closed for lunch Noon to 1:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

***Please call or email ahead of time to confirm the office will be open due to limited staffing.***