



Where Do Property Taxes Go?

We receive many questions regarding how your taxes are spent. It is not as simple as you would think. Many believe that most of the tax dollars that are paid stay in the Township to provide services. Although some dollars do stay, it is a very small percentage that does. That percentage is only 6% of the total amount collected.

To break it down even further; the General Fund, are used to provide services, such as roads, parks, operations, payroll, Police Protection, elections and other functions of the Township responsibilities, collects only 1.7%. The Fire Fund, goes toward the operation and vehicles for the Fire Department, collects 4.3% of the total taxes collected.

In dollars, the General Fund will receive a total of \$237,323 and the Fire Fund will receive \$578,430 for tax year 2024 out of the \$13.3 million dollars that are collected within Grass Lake Charter Township. The Township does receive a Revenue Sharing through the State of Michigan that goes into the General Fund. For fiscal 2024, that amount is approximately \$537,000.

The following breakdown, we hope will help paint a better picture. You will notice that we do collect some taxes from surrounding school districts other than Grass Lake School District. School district lines do not follow township lines.

GL Schools Operating Fund	\$1,183,496.69	8.88%
GL Schools Debt	\$2,534,005.00	19.02%
State Dept. of Education	\$2,019,899.79	15.16%
Napoleon Schools Operating	\$77,172.37	0.58%
Napoleon Schools Debt	\$73,351.31	0.55%
Chelsea Schools Operating	\$6,062.37	0.05%
Chelsea Schools Debt	\$9,607.09	0.07%
Chelsea SF	\$1,311.30	0.00%
Manchester Schools Operating	\$39.60	0.00%
Manchester Schools Debt	\$4,268.34	0.03%
Washtenaw ISD	\$10,746.05	0.08%
Jackson Intermediate School District	\$3,054,254.22	22.92%
Jackson College	\$399,499.65	3.00%
Jackson County	\$1,786,816.10	13.41%
Jackson County Medical Care Facility	\$87,315.04	0.66%
Jackson County Public Libraries	\$614,088.21	4.61%

Jackson County Senior Services	\$210,411.04	1.58%
Lifeways	\$174,469.95	1.31%
Jackson County Parks	\$174,716.92	1.31%
Jackson County Animal Control	\$87,315.04	0.66%
Grass Lake Township General Fund	\$237,322.61	1.78%
Grass Lake Township Fire Funds	<u>\$578,429.81</u>	<u>4.34%</u>
TOTALS	\$13,324,598.50	100.00%

As an example, if your home has a Taxable Value of \$100,000. Here is how your tax payment is distributed if you live in the Grass Lake School District and use your home as a Principal Residence:

<u>Summer</u>	GL Schools Operating	Exempt	
	GL Schools Debt	\$765.00	
	State Education	\$600.00	
	Jackson ISD	\$870.78	
	Jackson College	\$113.27	
	Jackson County	<u>\$506.60</u>	\$2,855.65
<u>Winter</u>	Medical Care Facility	\$24.76	
	Jackson Public Library	\$174.11	
	Jackson County Senior Services	\$59.66	
	Lifeways	\$49.47	
	Jackson County Parks	\$49.54	
	Jackson County Animal Control	\$24.76	
	GL Township General Fund	\$67.29	
	GL Township Fire Funds	<u>\$164.00</u>	<u>\$613.59</u>
			\$3,469.24

With your total tax bill of \$3469.24, the Township keeps \$67.29 to operate the Township and \$164.00 to provide Fire Protection and equipment purchases, primarily fire trucks. The total amount retained by the Township is \$231 or approximately 6%. We hope this is helpful in understanding how your property tax dollars are utilized.