



**2026 TAX REBATE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION GUIDE**

The 2026 Tax Program is based on a full year of taxes paid for **2024**. The rebate is for those individuals who own property in Mettawa and have lived (meet the Taxable Homestead criteria) in Mettawa from January 1, 2024 through the date this application is submitted to the Village of Mettawa. The definition of continuously living on the property includes residents who moved within the Village and lived on and owned their property during this time period.

The owner/owners of the property are the individuals who are required to complete the 2026 Tax Rebate Application form, with a printout of full year of 2024 taxes paid. The application will need to be notarized prior to mailing it to the Village. All rebate application and copy of property tax bill must be **postmarked by Friday, October 2, 2026** to be eligible. Applications postmarked after due date will be unopened and returned.

<b>SECTION I.</b>	This needs to be completed by the individual/individuals who own the property. If it is in a Trust, the Trustee's information would be the contact person. The check will be made payable to the names listed on the Lake County website for the property
<b>SECTION II.</b>	Write the address as it appears on the tax bill. The PIN number is on your property tax bill.
<b>SECTION III.</b>	
<b>a.</b>	Write in your address exactly as it appears on the property tax bill.
<b>b.</b>	<p>Your tax bill will show a homestead exemption with a dollar amount if you are eligible. It will show a dollar amount across from "General Homestead Exemption" line. If you think your bill is wrong and you feel you are eligible, but your tax bill shows no dollar amount, you will need to include a letter from the Lake County Assessor's Office certifying that you were denied the homestead exemption in error with your application.</p> <p>Call the Assessor's office at <a href="tel:8473772050">(847)377-2050</a> to request a letter.</p> <p>Instructions on how to change your exemption information are posted on the website. <a href="http://Mettawa.org/TaxRebateApplication">Mettawa.org/Tax Rebate Application</a></p>
<b>c. &amp; d.</b>	Again, to be eligible for a rebate, you must have owned, lived on the property continuously (taxable homestead property), and paid the property taxes from January 1, 2024 through the date this application is submitted to the Village of Mettawa.
<b>e. &amp; f.</b>	All taxes owed on the property must be paid up in full and there cannot be any leasehold or rental interest on the property.

Fair Market Value	\$690,522
Land Assessed Value	\$60,615
+ Building Assessed Value	\$169,536
Home Improvement	
Disabled Vet Homestead	
State Multiplier	1.000
= Equalized Value	\$230,151
+ Farm Land & Bldg Assessed Value	
+ State Assessed Pollution Control	
+ State Assessed Railroads	
= Total Assessed Value	\$230,151
General Homestead Exemption	\$8,000
Sr. Citizen Homestead Exemption	
Senior Freeze	
Returning Veterans Homestead	
Disabled / Disabled Veterans	
Natural Disaster Homestead	
= Taxable Valuation	\$222,151
State Tax Rate	6.567046
= Real Estate Tax	\$14,588.74
+ Special Service Area	\$0.00
+ Drainage	\$4.40

<b>g.</b>	If you are a <b>FIRST-TIME applicant</b> to be eligible or you have changed your warranty deed, <b>please complete g)</b> and include a copy of your warranty deed <b>document</b> .
	If you have applied for a rebate and received it in the past, and you have been <b>NO changes, please check the box NO</b> on the form.
<b>Section IV.</b>	Print and attach a copy of your entire <b>2024</b> real estate tax bill to the application.  You can obtain a copy of your 2024 tax bill from the Lake County website. <a href="http://www.lakecountyil.gov/198/Treasurers-Office">www.lakecountyil.gov/198/Treasurers-Office</a>  **Instructions on how to print a tax coupon can be found in your Friday's communication email.