



## HOW TO APPLY FOR A REFUND

Sometimes, a taxpayer will pay a tax bill and later discover an error.

### Property Tax Oversight

If you believe you overpaid your property taxes, you may be able to apply for a refund (see section 197.182, Florida Statutes).

#### ***Examples of errors that may entitle you to a refund***

- An approved exemption not applied to your bill
- Being billed for the wrong building or incorrect square footage
- Being double assessed
- A miscalculated early payment discount
- A mathematical error

#### ***If the property appraiser or tax collector discovers an error***

If the property appraiser or tax collector discovers an error of \$10 or more, he or she will contact you and send you an application to apply for a refund.

#### ***If you suspect you made a payment error***

If you suspect you made a payment error, compare your bill with earlier bills and your TRIM notice. You can check your [tax collector's](#) and [property appraiser's](#) websites or call them for more information. They may be able to explain or easily correct many apparent discrepancies.

#### ***If you discover an error***

If you discover an error, you can apply for a refund of any overpayment you made within four years of January 1 of the year for which you paid the taxes. Refunds may apply to both real and tangible personal property taxes.



#### ***If you believe you overpaid***

If you believe you overpaid, submit Form [DR-462](#), *Application for Refund of Ad Valorem Taxes*, to your tax collector. Include the reason for the refund and any documents that support your claim. The tax collector must ask the Florida Department of Revenue to review any refund requests of \$2,500 or more. If the department approves your application, the tax collector will send you a refund.

#### ***If the Department of Revenue approves a refund***

If the department approves the refund and funds are available, in most cases the taxpayer is entitled to receive the refund within 100 days after making a claim. The tax collector, property appraiser, or the Florida Department of Revenue may extend this time up to 60 additional days if there is good cause for paying the refund after that date.

#### **Tax collectors**

<http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/property/taxcollectors.html>

#### **Property appraisers**

<http://dor.myflorida.com/dor/property/appraisers.html>