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Caldwell County Appraisal District
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Our Mission

The mission of the Caldwell County Appraisal District is to discover, list and appraise all property located within the boundaries of the district in an accurate, ethical and impartial manner in an effort to estimate the market value of each property and achieve uniformity and equity between classes of properties.

This will be accomplished by maintaining the highest standards in appraisal practices and law, guided by the goals of providing quality service to the taxpayers and taxing entities and by developing personnel who are professional and knowledgeable.

Planning to Visit in Person?

Choose A Location Near You!

MAIN OFFICE: 211 Bufkin Lane in Lockhart
phone: 512-398-5550 office hours 8:00am – 5:00pm
Drive Thru hours 8:30am – 4:00pm

LULING: 505 E Fannin Street in Luling
phone: 830-875-9207 office hours 8:00am – 4:00pm

What We Do

The Appraisal Office has the responsibility for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes and we are contracted to collect property taxes for the majority of entities. The Caldwell County Appraisal District has no legal authority to impose a tax or set the tax rate, which will determine the amount of taxes you pay. Your locally elected officials decide your property tax burden. Your payment for taxes will be made at the Caldwell County Appraisal District or the Luling satellite office per a contract between the taxing entities and the appraisal district to collect their taxes.

Property Tax

Here's how the property tax system works:

1. The Appraisal District determines the value of all properties, grants exemptions and certifies values to the taxing units.
2. The governing bodies of taxing units, such as City Councils and School Boards, prepare budgets and then set the tax rates, which determine how much tax is due on each property.
3. The Appraisal District calculates how much you owe for each taxing unit, prepares and sends bills, collects monies due and disburses the funds to the appropriate taxing unit.

To receive an exemption or to protest values, you must apply to the Appraisal District. **Protests of value** must be filed by **April 30th or within 30 days** after you receive a notice of value. When you receive a tax bill, it is too late to protest value. Exemptions must be requested and filed between **January 1 and April 30**.

Did you receive this bill in error?

If you received a bill in error (for example, you no longer own the property) please contact the appraisal district immediately.

Want to Save for Next Year's Taxes?

A plan is available that allows you to pre-pay next year's property taxes. Contracts for ESCROW PAYMENTS set up.

Disabled Veterans--Residence Homestead

A disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual employability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead.

Estimated Tax Information

The estimated amount of taxes being imposed and information on actions taken or proposed actions by each local taxing unit concerning property taxes are online: **caldwell.truthintaxation.com**

Disabled and Senior Taxpayers

Disabled and over-65 exemptions reduce the taxable value of (**homestead only**) property, which in turn lowers the amount of tax you pay. Senior applicants qualify for the exemption on their 65th birthday. Disabled applicants qualify based on federal guidelines. Taxpayers must choose either the disabled or over-65 exemption. Both senior and disabled taxpayers may file a deferral to delay payment and minimize penalty. To apply for exemptions and deferrals, call the Appraisal District at (512) 398-5550.

Installment Payments

Those who qualify for the over-65 exemption or the Disabled Person or Disabled Veteran exemption may make property tax payments (on homestead only) in four installments. Contact us before January 31 for a Letter of Intent to sign and return for this plan.

Timely Payment of 2026 Taxes

Property tax payments are due between October 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027. Mailed payments with a January 31, 2027 postmark are considered timely. On February 2, 2027, all unpaid 2026 taxes become delinquent. Penalty and interest are added to the original base amount and continue to increase until taxes are paid. Attorney fees are attached to Personal Property accounts on April 2, 2027 and on all other accounts July 1, 2027. If there is an active suit on an account, Attorney Fees will attach February 2, 2027.

Do you owe delinquent taxes from a prior year?

2026 tax bills will not include notice of delinquent taxes from prior years. If you have not contacted the office to make payment arrangements, you risk costly legal fees. When you contact this office to discuss delinquent taxes, a collection specialist may be able to set up a payment plan.

BY LAW, the Tax Assessor-Collector cannot waive penalty and interest on delinquent taxes.

You may pay your taxes by credit card.

For more information visit our website at www.caldwellcad.org. Go to the bottom of the homepage, click on "How to Pay Taxes Online," & follow instructions. Contact our office at (512) 398-5550 if you have questions.
There will be a convenience fee for this service.
Point & Pay Representative = 877-495-2729 weekdays
Point & Pay automated = 844-399-6191 anytime

Property Taxes for the Centex Drainage District and Lantana MUD will be collected by Michael Arterburn, RTA, representing Utility Tax Services, LLC. website www.utilitytaxservice.com
Chisholm MUD1 is collected by Assessment of Southwest Inc www.aswtax.com

Our Website

Please visit our website at **www.caldwellcad.org** to view appraisal information, state forms, miscellaneous information, tax sale listings, contact information and employment opportunities. Tax amount information is also available on our website. Our website data is updated daily based on the previous daily changes.

Homestead Exemption can save you money.

If you live in the home you own you may qualify for a homestead exemption. Contact the appraisal district for more information or you can apply online now.

Do we have your current mailing address?

If you change your mailing address complete an address change form (available on our website) to ensure you do not miss any correspondence. You may also email address.info@caldwellcad.org or call 512-398-5550 extension 223.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT QUICK REFERENCE

Caldwell County

Administration	County Judge	512-398-1809	Courthouse 2nd floor
Deed Records	County Clerk	512-398-1804	1703 S Colorado St
Automobile Registration	Tax Office	512-398-1830	110 S. Main St, Room 101
Texas Dept. of Public Safety	Courthouse	512-398-1952	110 S. Main St, Room 110
Elections Administrator	Scott Annex	512-668-4347	1403 Blackjack St - Suite C
Law Enforcement	Sheriff	512-398-6777	1204 Reed Dr.
Roads-County Maintenance	Unit Road System	512-398-7269	1700 FM 2720
Rural Addressing System	9-1-1 Coordinator	512-359-4661	405 E Market St
County Planner	Code Enforcement	512-359-4624	405 E Market St
Rural Septic/Building Permits	Sanitation	512-398-1803	1700 FM 2720
Rural Subdivision Information	Sanitation	512-398-1803	1700 FM 2720
District Clerk	Judicial Center	512-398-1806	1703 S Colorado St
County Extension Agent	AG & 4H	512-398-3122	1403 Blackjack St, Suite B

Caldwell County Commissioners Court meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 A.M. each month at the Courthouse on the second floor

MUNICIPAL			
Name	**Phone**	**Location**	**Meeting Date and Time**
Caldwell-Hays ESD #1	512-243-3477	8811 FM 1854	2nd Tuesday at 6:00pm monthly
Caldwell ESD #2	512-357-0222	9655 Hwy 142	2nd Thursday at 6:30pm monthly
Caldwell ESD #3	512-694-8044	111 Lockhart St	2nd Thursday at 6:30pm monthly
Caldwell ESD #4	512-398-1822	952 FM 671	Tuesday or Wednesday at 7:00pm monthly
Caldwell ESD #5	512-668-9124	214 Bufkin Ln	1st Monday at 6:00pm monthly
City of Lockhart	512-398-3461	217 S Main St 3RD Floor Library	1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm Workshop at 6:30pm monthly
City of Luling	830-875-2481	509 E Crockett	2nd Thursday at 6:00pm monthly
City of Martindale	512-357-2639	409 Main St	1st Tuesday at 6:30pm monthly
City of Mustang Ridge	512-243-1775	12800 S Hwy 183	2nd Monday at 7:00pm monthly
City of Niederwald	512-398-6338	8807 Niederwald Strasse	1st Monday at 7:30pm monthly
City of San Marcos	512-393-8000	630 E Hopkins Council Chambers	1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:00pm monthly
City of Uhland	512-398-7399	15 N Old Spanish Tr	1st Wednesday at 6:00pm monthly
Plum Creek Conservation & Underground Water	512-398-2383	1101 W San Antonio St	3rd Tuesday at 1:00pm monthly
Gonzales Underground Water Conservation	830-672-1047	522 St Matthew St Gonzales	2nd Tuesday at 5:00pm monthly
Caldwell County MUD #7	512-435-2300	100 Congress Ave. Ste 211	3rd Monday at 11:00am monthly
Caldwell County MUD#9	512-435-2300	100 Congress Ave Ste 211	3rd Monday at 12:00pm monthly
Ladera MUD	512-328-2008	4301 Bull Creek Rd Ste 150	Meet as needed
Bollinger MUD	512-328-2008	4301 Bull Creek Rd Ste 150	Meet as needed
Caldwell County MUD#2	512-328-2008	4301 Bull Creek Rd Ste 150	Meet as needed
SCHOOL			
Name	**Phone**	**Location**	**Meeting Date and Time**
Gonzales ISD	830-672-9551	1615 St. Lawrence St. Admin. Office	2nd Monday at 5:30 monthly
Hays Consolidated ISD	512-268-2141	300 San Marcos St Buda, Tx 78610	4th Monday at 5:30pm monthly
Lockhart ISD	512-398-0000	419 Bois D'Arc St Lockhart, TX	4th Monday at 6:30pm monthly
Luling ISD	830-875-3191	115 W. Bowie Conference Learning Center	3rd Monday at 5:00pm monthly
Prairie Lea ISD	512-488-2328	6910 San Marcos Hwy Administration Building	2nd Thursday at 6:30pm monthly
San Marcos ISD	512-393-6700	2601 Rattler Rd San Marcos High School	3rd Monday at 6:00pm monthly Room11
Waelder ISD	830-239-5600	201 US Hwy 90W	3rd Monday at 6:00pm monthly
Austin Community College Highland Business Center	512-223-7000	6101 Highland Campus Dr. Austin, TX Building 3000 RM 2110	1st Monday at 3:00pm monthly Highland Business Center Room 201

Local Appraisal / Tax Administration

Caldwell County Appraisal District	512-398-5550	211 Bufkin Ln.
Remote office in Luling	830-875-9207	505 E. Fannin St.

Board of Directors meet on the 4th Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. every other month

Sales and other State Taxes Comptroller of Public Accounts 800-252-5555

Appraisal Districts and Tax Offices

Bastrop County Appraisal District	512-303-1930	Gonzales County Appraisal District	830-672-2879
Utility Tax Services LLC	713-688-3855	Guadalupe County Appraisal District	830-303-3313
Hays County Appraisal District	512-268-2522	Travis Central Appraisal District	512-834-9317
Hays Tax Office	512-393-5545	Travis Tax Office	512-854-9473
Bastrop Tax Office	512-332-7261	Gonzales Tax Office	830-672-2841
Guadalupe Tax Office - Shertz	210-945-9708	Guadalupe Tax Office – Seguin	830-303-4188

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