

What is the "Circuit Breaker" program and do I qualify for it?

The Property Tax Reduction (Circuit Breaker) program reduces property taxes' for qualified applicants. The amount of reduction is based on income for the previous calendar year. If you qualify, the property taxes on your home and up to one acre of land may be reduced by as much as \$1,320. Property Tax Reduction benefits will not reduce solid waste, irrigation, or other fees charged by government entities.

Who Qualifies?

You may qualify for property tax reduction in 2022 if you:

Owned and lived in a home or mobile home in Idaho that was your primary residence before April 18, 2022 (You may qualify if you lived in a care facility or nursing home. Contact your county assessor for information.), and

Had income of \$32,230 or less for 2021, and

Met one or more of the following status requirements as of January 1, 2022:

Age 65 or older

Widow(er)

Blind

Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age

Former prisoner of war/hostage

Veteran with a 10% or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veteran's Affairs(VA) for a nonservice-connected disability

Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, or Federal

Civil Service How to Apply 1. Contact Owyhee County Assessor for application materials, 208-495-2817.

2. Applications due April 18.

Representatives from the Assessor's office will be at the Homedale, Marsing, and Grand View Senior Citizens centers, plus the Bruneau Library to help anyone fill out their applications for the Property Tax Reduction Program (Circuit Breaker).

We will also be available to make home visits to those citizens unable to attend. Please call our office 495-2817 to make arrangements or if you have any question. The applications need to be filled out and turned in by April 15, 2016.