



# Montana Cadastral Frequently Asked Questions

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## When is property information updated for a new tax year?

Property information is continuously updated by Montana Department of Revenue (DOR). Usually, DOR makes new tax year information available every January. We work closely with DOR to coordinate the Montana Cadastral ownership search capabilities with the most recent available tax year. Going forward, we expect that new tax years will be searchable in Cadastral every January, even if property data for the new tax year is still being updated by DOR.

## I think the application has an error, what should I do?

The first thing to try is *clearing your web browser cache and reloading the site*. Sometimes the latest application changes and fixes require the browser cache to be cleared before the new application files are loaded. Instructions for clearing the cache vary by browser but most browser caches can be cleared by following the steps below:

1. Press Ctrl+Shift+Del keys
2. Set the Time Range: "All time" or "Everything" (varies by browser)
3. Check "Cookies and other site data" (exact wording varies by browser)
4. Check "Cached images and files" (exact wording varies by browser)
5. Close and reopen your web browser
6. Go to <https://cadastral.mt.gov>

If the error persists, please [open a support ticket with MSL GeoInfo](#) and one of our staff will investigate the problem.

## What can I do if the application freezes or becomes unresponsive?

Sometimes when the application has been open for a long time, it can become slow or unresponsive. If this happens, the quickest fix is to close the browser window and start over by visiting [cadastral.mt.gov](https://cadastral.mt.gov) for a fresh start.

## How can I make the map as big as possible on the screen?

Click the Fullscreen button in the upper right corner of the map. Hit the Esc key to exit full screen mode.

Click or drag the blue oval-shaped << and >> buttons on the left and right side of the map to show and hide the SEARCH and PROPERTY INFORMATION panels.



### Where is the Topo base map option located?

Click on the Basemap Gallery button in the top right corner of the map. Scroll down and click on Topographic Map. This will change the current basemap to Topo.

### Determining air photo capture dates for World Imagery / Imagery Hybrid base maps

The World Imagery and Imagery Hybrid base maps are provided by Esri. The date a given image was captured varies depending upon location. To determine the date of an image of interest, follow these steps:

1. Go to the ArcGIS Online [Esri World Imagery with Metadata web map](#)
2. Zoom to the area of interest in the map or using the Search button (magnifying glass button in lower right of map), type an address or place name. The map will zoom to the location and display a Search result box pointing to the address/location searched.
3. Click on the image at a location of interest. An information window displays imagery provider, capture date, resolution, accuracy, and data source for the image shown at that zoom level.
4. IMPORTANT: The image shown may change to a different data source at different zoom levels.

### Where is the conservation easement information located?

On the Cadastral Base Map, parcels with conservation easements are indicated visually with cross-hatching. The detailed conservation easement information will appear in the Ag/Forest section of the Property Information.

### Is information on other types of easements available in Montana Cadastral?

Only conservation easement information is available.

### What does Interest Type: "Conversion" mean in the Owners tab?

"Conversion" was a placeholder value used when the Department of Revenue switched from the previous system to the current one around 2009 and is not an actual owner interest type.

### How does the Measure Tool work?

Click the ruler icon on top of the map. Choose either linear or area measurement with the tab control at the top of the measurement panel. Click points on the map to begin measuring, with a double-click on the final point.

### How can I copy/paste property information?

Use the following steps:

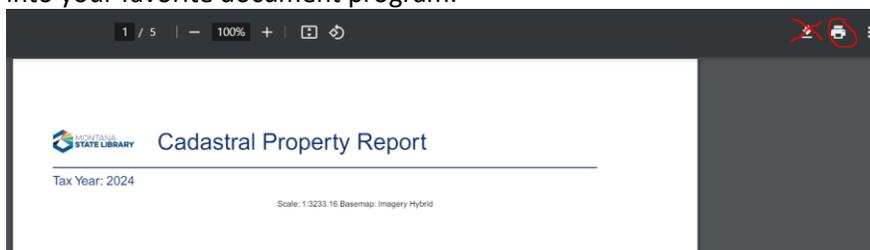
- Once you have a parcel selected, click on the Show Properties Detail Page button.
- Expand all sections with the + buttons in the top right corner of each section.
- Use keyboard shortcuts Ctrl+A, Ctrl+C, and Ctrl+V to paste into your favorite program.

### Where is the PLSS Township/Range/Section search tool located?

This search option is available in the Quick Zoom tool found in the top right corner of the map.

### How do I Print the property information?

The Print Property Information button (not to be confused with the print button found on the map) does not automatically generate a PDF or other document that can be downloaded. When the Cadastral Property Report opens, use the Print button (printer icon) then “Save as PDF,” rather than use the Download button. Alternatively, press ctrl + A to select all the information, then copy and paste it into your favorite document program.



### Why does an address search take me to the wrong parcel?

The address search is based on GIS address points assigned by local and tribal governments. This is a separate dataset from the cadastral owner parcels and is not based on the address contained in the Property Address within the PROPERTY INFORMATION, which is maintained by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Due to cadastral parcel alignment issues in some places across the state, it is possible the address point location (usually on or near the structure) may not fall within the correct cadastral parcel. If the Property Address and/or PROPERTY INFORMATION is incorrect for the address you searched for, you may need to use the imagery base map and/or click on adjacent or nearby parcels to find the correct parcel.

### My property information is incorrect in Cadastral

The Montana State Library is unable to change or correct property information shown in Montana Cadastral. The Department of Revenue (DOR) maintains the data displayed in Property Information in the Montana Cadastral. **If you find errors in the Property Information**, you must contact the DOR Property Assessment Division Field Office for the county. Contact information can be found on [DOR's Field Office Locations webpage](#). Only the DOR can correct data errors.

### I would like my name removed from Cadastral

The Montana Department of Revenue has a process to request that your name be removed from the Montana Cadastral website if displaying your name threatens your personal safety or puts you at risk of physical harm. For more information and to request your name to be removed, [download the](#)



[“Request For Nondisclosure Of Property Record Information \(Form AB-NonDisc\)”](#) from the Montana Department of Revenue website.