



Where Does My Property Tax and Sales Tax Go?

The City of Laguna Woods’ two largest sources of operating revenue are property tax and sales tax.

Property Tax

Property tax is a tax on certain types of personal property and, in the case of property transfer tax, on the recordation of documents transferring ownership of land or real property. Property tax rates are established by state law; the City of Laguna Woods does not have a role in that process. The County of Orange collects property tax from property owners and distributes a portion of the proceeds to the City of Laguna Woods.

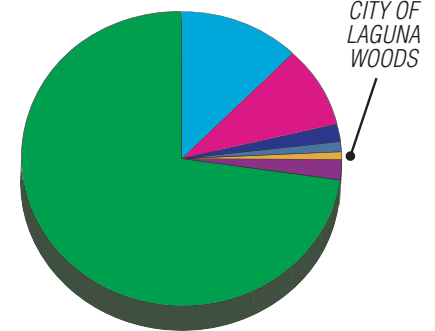
How much does the City of Laguna Woods receive?

For every dollar of property tax paid, the City of Laguna Woods generally receives less than one-cent (\$0.00879)¹. Over 73% of every property tax dollar funds education.

Property transfer tax is collected at a rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of the assessed valuation of the real estate being transferred. The City of Laguna Woods and the County of Orange each receive 50% of the property transfer taxes collected.

¹ Representative Tax Rate Area 32010, redevelopment factors and additional debt service excluded
Source: Orange County Assessor 2023/24 Annual Tax Increment Tables

PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION ¹



Education-related	73.3%
Orange County Fire Authority	11.6%
County of Orange	9.0%
OC Flood Control District	2.0%
El Toro Water District	1.1%
City of Laguna Woods	0.9%
Others	2.1%

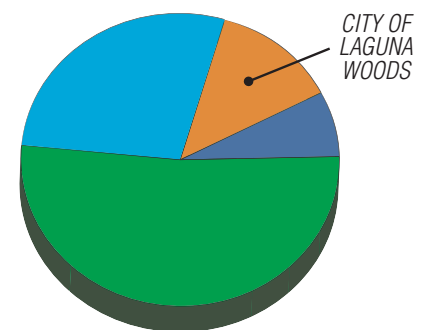
Sales Tax

Sales tax is a tax on the total retail price of certain types of tangible personal property, as well as on the use or storage of certain other types of property. Sales tax rates are established by a combination of state law and voter-approved ballot measures. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration collects sales tax from retailers and businesses and distributes a portion of the proceeds to the City of Laguna Woods.

How much does the City of Laguna Woods receive?

Of the 7.75% local sales tax rate, the City of Laguna Woods receives only 1%. The City of Laguna Woods also receives a portion of the half-cent sales tax collected by the Orange County Transportation Authority pursuant to the voter-approved Measure M2 (“OC Go”). The majority of sales tax revenue is paid to the State of California and the County of Orange.

SALES TAX ALLOCATION



State of California	3.9375%
County of Orange	2.3125%
City of Laguna Woods	1.0%
Orange County Transportation Authority	0.5%