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Appraisers Begin On-Site Property Inspections for 2019 Values. Periodic On-Site Inspections to Determine Property Values Are Required By Law

King County appraisers have begun the annual process of visiting neighborhoods to inspect properties in-person to set the values.

The Assessor is required by law to inspect each property in-person at least once every six years. In practice, that means King County property appraisers visit in-person about 1/6 of the properties in the county each year to ensure that homes are valued accurately and fairly. This translates to approximately 100,000 property inspections each year.

An inspection is generally an exterior observation for comparison with the property characteristics on file. To accomplish the inspections, Assessors may need to enter side or back yards. If additional information is needed, Assessor's staff will first knock on the residence door to speak with a taxpayer if possible. All appraisers carry county ID.

For the 2019 assessment year, we will be inspecting the following residential areas through early spring of 2019:

• Inglewood

- Finn Hill
- Juanita
- Phinney Ridge
- Fremont
- Ravenna
- University District
- Sea Tac
- Tukwila
- Rainier Beach
- White Center
- Burien
- Des Moines
- Kent
- Woodmont
- Redondo
- Auburn
- Medina
- Hunts Point
- Clyde Hill
- Woodinville
- Cottage Lake
- Skykomish
- Newport
- Kennydale
- Lake Youngs
- Enumclaw Plateau

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