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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below information bulletin today, January 27th at 1 pm as a reminder for property owners to submit their Empty Homes Tax declaration by the February 3, 2026 deadline.

Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account 1 pm on January 27.

CEC will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,
Donny

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**City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
January 27, 2026**

Empty Homes Tax reminder: One week left to declare

Residential property owners are reminded that they have one week left to submit an Empty Homes Tax declaration by the Tuesday, February 3, 2026 deadline.

As of today, approximately 17% of property owners have not yet submitted their EHT declaration and are encouraged to do so before February 3 to avoid the \$250 by-law fine for late declarations.

A declaration is required for all residential properties in Vancouver, regardless of whether the owner lives at the property or rents it out. For co-owned properties, only one declaration is required.

How to declare

Property owners can submit their declaration:

- [Declare Online](#) – it only takes about five minutes.
- In person – visit Revenue Services in City Hall at 453 W 12th Ave.

For help making a declaration:

- Watch our [step-by-step video](#)
- Call 3-1-1 (If outside Vancouver, call: 604-873-7000)
- View our declaration instructions, available in [English PDF file \(373 KB\)](#), [Traditional Chinese PDF file \(861 KB\)](#), [Simplified Chinese PDF file \(595 KB\)](#), [Punjabi PDF file \(387 KB\)](#), [Tagalog PDF file \(379 KB\)](#) and [Vietnamese PDF file \(414 KB\)](#).

Who will be assessed the tax?

Properties that are declared or deemed vacant will be taxed at 3% of their 2025 assessed taxable value. If the City does not receive a declaration by February 3, the property will be treated as vacant and subject to the tax.

Most residential property owners will not be required to pay the tax. The tax does not apply to principal residences, properties that are rented out at least six months a year or properties that are [otherwise eligible for an exemption](#).

All property status declarations are potentially subject to an [audit process](#) to determine their validity and encourage compliance.

Background on the EHT

[Learn more about the purpose, history, and impact of the Empty Homes Tax](#)

The provincial government's Speculation and Vacancy Tax (SVT) is separate from the Empty Homes Tax. For any questions related to the SVT, please reach out to the Province directly.

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