The Assessor and Staff's Basic Responsibilities:

- Locate all taxable property in the Charter Township of Garfield
- Inventory all taxable property on the assessment roll
- Determine the **ownership** of all taxable property
- Annually assess all real estate in accordance with Michigan law
- Establish a value for all property subject to taxation
- List the value of all property on the tax assessment roll
- Apply all legal exemptions
- Maintain and update assessors maps
- Provide property information for local government, property owners and the business community, during regular township business hours
- Performs business property audits and values all taxable personal property

The Assessor's Office:

- **DOES NOT** compute property tax bills
- DOES NOT collect payment for taxes
- **DOES NOT** establish property tax laws
- DOES NOT set rules by which property is appraised