



November 2009

Thank you for your interest with regard to our annual Tax Lien Sale. In Garfield County, our Tax Lien Sale is held annually in November. The 2009 sale is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The property taxes for sale are advertised for three weeks, beginning on October 22nd, in the Rifle Citizen Telegram and the Glenwood Post Independent. We also post property information on the Garfield County website, which is [www.garfield-county.com](http://www.garfield-county.com).

The sale is conducted as an auction with bids starting at the amount of taxes and fees owed. Historically, all real estate is sold at the auction, and in 2008 all properties were sold with a premium bid. We ask that you arrive by 8:30 the morning of the sale to register in person at the Garfield County Administration Building located at 108 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Glenwood Springs.

Payment for properties purchased at our Tax Lien Sale is due the day of the sale and must be paid in certified funds, which can be a wire transfer, a cashier's check, or cash. Following the Tax Lien Sale, you will receive, via mail, a copy of the Tax Lien Sale Certificate of Purchase for each property for which you purchased the tax. The original is kept in our office. Anyone in our office will be able to assist you with questions after the Tax Lien Sale.

The Tax Lien Sale Certificate of Purchase is only a lien on the property and does not change ownership of the property. Three years from the initial purchase of the Tax Lien Sale Certificate of Purchase if the property has not been redeemed the certificate holder has the option to apply for a Treasurer's Deed to the property. This process is handled through the Treasurer's Office.