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Sarasota County Penny Sales Tax, How it Works and How Revenues Are Spent

SARASOTA COUNTY - The Sarasota County Penny Sales Tax, sometimes known as the sales surtax, surtax or one-cent tax, provides funding for public safety facilities, the environment, water quality, libraries, parks, schools and roadway projects.

The Sarasota County Penny Sales Tax also known as the as the sales surtax, surtax, or one-cent tax, began in 1989 and has been renewed by voters for more than 30 years. The current tax will expire at the end of 2024, so on Nov. 8, 2022, Sarasota County residents have an opportunity to decide to extend the penny sales tax from 2025-2039.

This Penny Sales Tax referendum does not raise your taxes, Sarasota County taxpayers would only pay \$1 dollar in taxes for every \$100 dollars spent on purchases in Sarasota County.

What you spend	What gets allocated for community projects
\$1	One cent
\$5	Five cents
\$100	100 pennies (\$1)

And while a substantial portion of Penny Tax revenues are generated by non-residents, every dollar generated by the Penny Tax is spent in Sarasota County to benefit the community and residents who live here. Every penny of funds raised by the Penny Tax and bonds is overseen by the Citizen Oversight Committee, which is made up of local residents who review proposed projects and make sure all spending is accurate.

If approved by voters, Sarasota County will be able to use Penny Tax revenues and bonds to continue fast-tracking projects that help keep our neighborhoods safe, protect our water quality and environment, and reduce traffic congestion.

To learn more about completed and future Penny Tax funded projects and see your cents at work, visit sarasotacountysurtax.net or call the Sarasota County Contact Center by dialing 3-1-1.

Additional information available online:

- [Penny Tax funded projects video series.](#)
- [Penny Tax FAQ & resources.](#)
- [Penny Tax bonds information.](#)
- [Penny Tax Advisory Task Force report.](#)
- [Citizen Oversight Committee.](#)
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