



Apple Valley's Budget Preserves the Public's Investment in our Infrastructure and Buildings

The City's 2026 property tax levy reflects the City Council's focus on protecting and maintaining the condition of the City's infrastructure by addressing upcoming street and utility reconstruction needs and improvements to buildings.

The 2026 budget provides for the Street and Infrastructure Maintenance Program. Some of Apple Valley's oldest streets have reached the point of requiring reconstruction. The City Council's policy avoids levying special assessments for street maintenance costs against benefiting properties. Instead, the City Council chose to apply a significant portion of the annual property tax levy towards the Street Maintenance Program, thereby avoiding the need to levy additional special assessments to benefiting properties.

The City Council approved the preliminary budget for 2026 on September 11, 2025. The result of the proposed budget on the median-valued home is an annual increase of \$211 in City taxes, or approximately 14.18%, for a total of \$1,699. See the back for the breakdown on how your tax dollars are used by the City. The levy to support the proposed 2026 budget shows an increase of 13.0%, for a total of \$44,666,000. The total tax levy includes the annual Street Maintenance Program funding which decreases by \$70,000 to \$4,600,000. The total debt levy increased by \$2,643,798, which includes an increase in debt service related to the 2023 park referendum and the facilities capital improvement bonds.

| Breakdown of Property Tax Levy | 2025 | 2026 | Change | % Change | Share of Increase |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$30,682,151 | \$33,250,353 | \$2,568,202 | 8.4% | 6.5% |
| Street Maintenance Program | 4,670,000 | 4,600,000 | -70,000 | -1.5% | -0.2% |
| Ice Arena Support | 121,000 | 121,000 | -0- | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Debt Service | 4,050,849 | 6,694,647 | 2,643,798 | 65.3% | 6.7% |
| Total | \$ 39,524,000 | \$ 44,666,000 | \$5,142,000 | 13.0% | 13.0% |



For additional information on the City's budget, attend a budget open house on Tuesday November 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Municipal Center, visit the City's website at www.applevalleymn.gov, or follow the QR link above, look for information in the City's newsletter the *CityNews*, attend the Truth in Taxation Meeting on November 25, 2025, or call staff at 952-953-2540

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Street Maintenance Program Addresses Over 118 Miles of Streets Since 2012

The Street Maintenance Program preserves the condition of the streets throughout the community. Unlike most other cities, Apple Valley residents and property owners are not specially assessed for this work, as the costs of the program are incorporated into the property tax levy. Approximately \$195 of the 2026 property tax bill for the median-valued home of \$371,350 will go to support the annual Street Maintenance Program. Since inception, the City of Apple Valley has completed maintenance on approximately 118 miles of streets.

Investment in Park System and Public Buildings

In 2023, voters approved a park referendum that will include a number of significant improvements to the park system. In 2024 and 2025, bonds were issued to fund these improvements and the debt service on these bonds, in addition to previously issued park bonds, account for approximately \$200 of the annual 2026 property tax bill for the median valued home.

During 2023, 2024, and 2025 significant improvements have been made to all fire stations, the reconstruction of a new fire station at 140th and Galaxie Ave, and a new police operations building on Flagstaff Avenue. In 2024 and 2025, bonds were issued to fund these facility improvements. The debt service on these 2025 bonds, in addition to previously issued facility bonds, account for approximately \$85 of the annual 2026 property tax bill for the median valued home.

For more information on the annual budget visit the City of Apple Valley's website at <https://www.applevalleymn.gov>.

