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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT IN NEBRASKA.

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Increasingly, there are a number of great resources on the web to inform taxpayer where their money goes and how much governments at all levels; federal, state, and local are spending. We thought it would be worthwhile to share with you a number of the easy, fun and absolutely interesting resources from credible sources.

Want to know how much of your federal tax dollars are spent on the Postal Service, Social Security, Congress? Use the Federal Tax Receipt calculator here:

<http://www.thirdway.org/taxreceipt>

Want confirmation that Nebraskans pay some of the highest property tax rates in America? Use the Tax Foundations Property Tax Calculator and see how much you pay in property taxes and how that stacks up nationally:

<http://interactive.taxfoundation.org/propertytax/>

Want a simple way to see how much the State of Nebraska is spending every year, and on what? Use the Treasurer Office's website and see tax dollars the Board of Barber Examiners, the Department of Roads and the University of Nebraska are spending:

<http://www.nebraskaspending.gov/spent1011/>

What is your Tax Freedom Day? From January 1 to Tax Freedom Day (the national average is April 12), is the day of the year that Americans have earned enough income to fund their share of state and federal taxes. How many days of the year are you working for Uncle Sam, find out here:

<http://simonayalataxconsultant.com/CalculatorTaxFreedomDay.aspx>

How does your income stack up? What tax bracket are you in, and what portion of the national tax burden do you share? Find out here:

http://www.kiplinger.com/tools/income_rank/

Curious how much state employees are making? Find out public salaries by using the Platte Institute's Transparency Nebraska project:

<http://www.transparencynebraska.org/>

Learn all about ag subsidy payments in Nebraska - who, how much, and type:

<http://farm.ewg.org/>

Find out how much your County government is spending. Use the state Auditor's website here:

<http://www.auditors.state.ne.us/local/budget/2006/basic/basicqueryapp.php>

And of course, the Platte Institute for Economic Research is a fantastic resource for free-market, economic research:

<http://www.platteinstitute.org/>



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