

**Consumer Notice**  
**Solicitations to Sell Public Information**

Our office recently learned that Berks county residents may be receiving official looking solicitations from private companies offering to provide residents with copies of their deeds and property assessment information for a substantial fee. Recent solicitations we have seen charge \$95.00 for their services. We want our residents to know that when a deed is recorded, that information remains a permanent public record and always available from our office. The original deed is usually returned to the property owner within a few days of recording. Once recorded you can visit our website and obtain a copy of the deed for 50 cents a page. If someone needs a certified copy, the certification fee is ten (\$10.00) dollars for each document certified. You can also visit our office located in the Berks County Services Center next to the courthouse at 633 Court Street, Reading, PA from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday and our staff will be happy to assist you.

If you need property tax Assessment records, you can visit the Berks County Assessment Website and access property assessment records without any charge.

While people are certainly free to hire private companies for information, we want our residents to know that Recorder of Deeds information is available on line at very reasonable cost.

We have been recording and safeguarding the property records of Berks County since 1752.

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