

Joining Avondale Estates:



Enhanced
Services



Better
Value for
Taxes

Quick Answers

- No address change after annexation
- No impact on assessed value of property
- No impact on Museum School attendance zone
- No annexation until your neighborhood votes to approve

Proactive Plan to Improve Your Services

- Hire 4 new police officers - dedicated to daily routine patrols in your neighborhood
- Purchase 2 new police cars
- Add 1 new garbage truck and team for backyard trash pick-up twice per week for your neighborhood

Direct tax cost comparison for same service delivery

Services	Avondale Estates	City of Decatur	DeKalb County
Total Property Taxes and Sanitation Fees	\$2,514	\$2,993	\$2,565
Additional Taxes You Pay	0	+ \$479	+ \$51

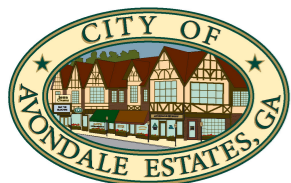
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Comparison of Services Delivered

Services	Avondale Estates	City of Decatur	DeKalb County
Police Officers	One per 228 Residents	One per 493 Residents	One per 773 Residents
Citizens Patrol	✓	▪	▪
Out-of-town Security Check	✓	✓	▪
Backyard Garbage Pick-up (2X per week)	✓	▪	▪
Leaf Vacuum	✓ (No bagging)	▪	▪
Yard Waste Pick-Up	✓ (No bag fee)	✓ (\$ bag fee)	✓ (\$ bag fee)
Parks & Green Space	One Acre per 116 Residents	One Acre per 179 Residents	One Acre per 107 Residents*
Domestic Partnership Registry	✓	▪	▪
Ongoing City Communications – electronic and paper	✓	✓	▪
Free Notary Service	✓	▪	▪
Free Downtown Parking	✓	▪	▪
Motorized Carts Allowed	✓	▪	▪
Lake Fishing	✓	▪	✓
Neighborhood Watch	✓	✓	✓

This includes 2,200 acres at Arabia Mountain Park



Why Avondale Estates

- Dedicated police officers for proactive security and protection for your neighborhood
- Twice-weekly, backyard sanitation pick-up
- Leaf vacuum, no bagging
- Responsive, engaged City Manager to respond and implement solutions for neighborhood issues
- Come straight to the City for building permits, business licenses and fire inspections
- Welcoming, diverse, creative and engaged community
- Vibrant new downtown renovation and development plan
- A voice in local land use planning and development
- Green spaces and recreational facilities
- Avondale Estates is a “Lifelong Community” that addresses aging in place
- Proactive, responsive Board of Mayor and Commissioners





Direct Tax Cost Comparison for Same Service Delivery

\$145,000 Assessed Value Home in each example		All calculations are based on 2013 tax rates and fees			
City of Avondale Estates- 40% of Assessed Value is taxed - \$58,000		City of Decatur - 50% of Assessed Value is taxed \$72,500 Less \$20,000 Homestead Exception = \$52,500		Unincorporated DeKalb County - 40% of Assessed Value is taxed - \$58,000	
City Taxes @ 10.957 mils	635.51	Decatur City General Taxes @ 10.20 mils	535.50		
		Decatur Bond @ 1.42 mils	102.95		
		Decatur Capital @ 1.0 mils	52.50		
		Decatur School @ 20.90 mils	1,515.25	Dekalb County Yard Debris Bags*	100.00
		Decatur DDA @ .38 mils	19.95	Dekalb Sanitation Back Door Service*	530.00
Sanitation 2X per week back door Yard Waste Not Bagged	260.00	Decatur Sanitation 2X per week curbside Yard Waste 1X per week must be bagged \$100.00*	335.00	Dekalb Sanitation 2X per week curbside Yard Waste 1X per	265.00
Stormwater Fee	60.00	Stormwater Fee	75.00	Stormwater Fee	48.00
Sub-total	955.51	Sub-total	2,636.15	Sub-total	943.00
State Tax @ .15 mils	8.40	State Tax @ .15 mils	8.40	State Tax @ .15 mils	8.40
County Taxes		County Taxes		County Taxes	
County Operations @ 10.71 mils less \$10,000 Homestead exemption and Host Credit	210.77	County Operations @ 10.71 mils less \$10,000 Homestead exemption and Host Credit	210.77	County Operations @ 10.71 mils less \$10,000 Homestead exemption and Host Credit	210.77
Hospital @ .8 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	15.74	Hospital @ .8 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	15.74	Hospital @ .8 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	15.74
Parks Bonds @1.92 mils	111.36	Parks Bonds @1.92 mils	111.36	Parks Bonds @1.92 mils	111.36
Fire @ 2.82 mils less Homestead Exemption and Host Credit	55.50			Fire @ 2.82 mils less Homestead Exemption and Host Credit	55.50
Avondale Tax District @ .19 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	3.74	Decatur Tax District @ .19 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	3.74	Unincorporated Tax District @ .71 mils less Homestead	13.97
Police Service @ 3.16 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	62.19	Police Service @ .33 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	6.49	Police Service @ 4.25 mils less Homestead exemption and Host Credit	83.64
				Street Light	32.00
School Operations @ 23.98 mils	1,091.09			School Operations @ 23.98 mils less Homestead exemption	1,091.09
sub-total	1,550.39	sub-total	348.11	sub-total	1,614.08
City of Avondale Estates		City of Decatur		Unincorporated DeKalb County	
Total City, County & State Taxes	2,514.30	Total City, County & State Taxes	2,992.66	Total County & State Taxes	2,565.48

*Special Collection fees, backdoor, sanitation pick-up and sanitation bag fees are included in these numbers for the purpose of direct comparison of services delivered - removing the optional county fees will reduce the cost but create an uneven comparison

These numbers are based on a \$145,000 assessed home value, and include all city, county, bond, school, special tax and sanitation fees