

Teamwork for the common good

Some jobs are too big to do by ourselves and too important to leave to private companies. We share responsibility for these vital public services and systems by paying taxes. The examples below remind us that government is our way of teaming up for the common good. What others can you think of?



The public water system keeps our drinking water clean, safe and plentiful.



Public schools and libraries make learning available to everyone.

Law enforcement and fire protection require skill, courage and equipment, on call 24/7.



The court system guarantees every person's right to equal justice under the law.



The health department provides vaccinations, restaurant inspections and other services to control disease.



Public parks and playgrounds give people free access to open spaces and fresh air.

The Internet we use at home, school and work began as a Defense Department computer system.



The Interstate highway system links communities across the country in a safe, efficient and reliable network.



Mass communication would be mass confusion without rules to ensure fair use of the airwaves.



Safety in the skies is a tall order that only a high-tech, nationwide network can fill.

What have taxes done for your community today?