

Your purchasing power...

A well-functioning Weights and Measures program saves the average household hundreds of dollars each year. The seal of the Weights and Measures Department protects the buyer and seller by maintaining equity in the marketplace.

The Trumbull County Weights and Measures Department inspects many devices for accuracy. These devices include gas pumps, deli scales, vehicle scales, fuel oil truck meters, and liquid propane meters, among others. Commercial weighing and measuring devices are randomly tested by inspectors. If correct, the seal of approval is placed on the equipment.

Seal of Approval...



Look for this official seal when shopping. If anything is sold by the weight, portion, or even an in-store, pre-packaged amount of product, then the scales they use will have this seal.

For scales...

To be sure you are charged the correct amount when shopping, here are some tips:

- Look for the County Auditor Weights and Measures seal on the weighing device. Seals often span from one year to the next to remain current and valid.
- See that net weight and total price indications show zero before weighing the product.
- Make sure the correct price per unit of measure is entered into the scale.
- In over-the-counter sales, the scales and their quantity value indicators must be in plain view of the consumer.

Question the merchant if you are in doubt about a transaction. It could be the result of an error that the merchant could quickly rectify if brought to their attention.

For pumps...

To be sure you are charged the correct amount when filling up, here are some tips:

- Check the prices posted on station signs that list the grade of gasoline and type of service you select (full, self, cash/credit). The posted price must be the same posted price on the gas pump.
- Make sure the dollar amount and gallons are set to zero. Check to be sure that you have been charged the correct amount and take the receipt with you. Remember that the vehicle tank capacity in the owner's manual is only an

estimate. Your gas tank may hold more than the stated capacity to allow for expansion of the fuel in hot weather.

For packages...

Commodities packaged in advance for sale are randomly checked for accuracy. These products must meet or exceed the labeled weight. State regulations governing packaging, labeling, and method of sale are applied for food and non-food items for purchase.

To be sure you are charged the correct amount for packaged items, here are some tips:

- All packaged goods must be marked with a statement concerning net content.
- Net weight does not include the weight of the bag, wrapper, or container in which a commodity may be packaged. That is called the tare, and consumers are not charged for that excess package weight.

Fair and balanced...

If you believe a store has an out of regulation scale or fuels pump, ask the manager about it. And please email us with the date, time, name of business, and your name so that we can verify and check the location.

The Job of an Auditor in Trumbull County, OH

The county auditor serves as the sealer of weights and measures for the entire county.

According to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 319.55,

"The auditor shall see that all state laws relating to weights and measures are strictly enforced throughout their county and shall assist generally in the prosecution of all violations of such laws."

The county auditor is responsible for testing the accuracy of weighing and measuring devices used in the purchase and sale of commodities.

Often, the auditor will deputize people to carry out these duties on her behalf. These inspectors have the right and responsibility to test and seal all types of weighing devices used for commercial purchases across Trumbull County.

County Auditor Martha Yoder entrusts these inspectors to protect the public from any discrepancies which may occur from faulty weighing devices such as scales and fuel dispensers.

Inspectors check all types of retail stores, department stores, grocery stores, gas stations and hundreds of other businesses, to ensure the price advertised is the price that you pay. They are responsible to ensure State laws relating to Weights and Measures are strictly enforced in Trumbull County.

A current and proper Auditor Seal allows our community to shop with confidence knowing their purchase is accurate in price as shown by the vendor.

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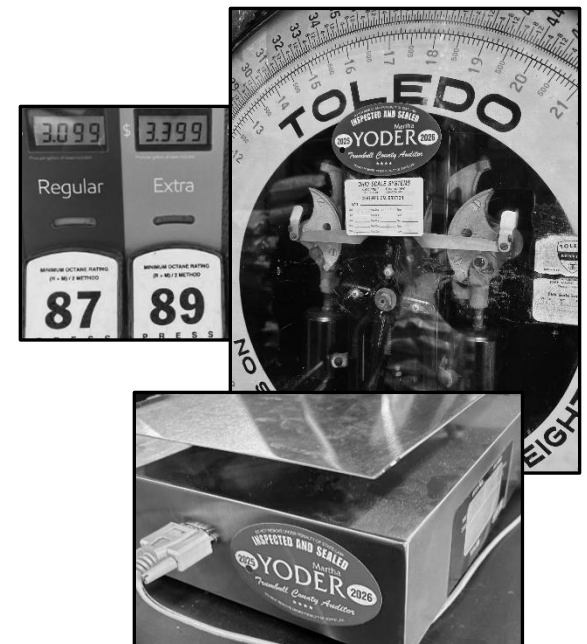
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