Revenue from Sarasota County's one-percent sales tax is used to invest in local infrastructure improvements, such as public safety, environmental, water quality, libraries, parks, schools and road projects.

County voters first authorized the tax in 1989 and have extended it twice since then. They will have an opportunity in November 2022 to continue this revenue source for another 15 years.

Every penny is spent right here in Sarasota County.

Tourists and visitors contribute more than 20% of the revenue, which is distributed among Sarasota County, the cities of North Port, Sarasota and Venice, the Town of Longboat Key and the School Board.

75%
Sarasota County
and Municipalities
(Allocated by Formula)

25%Sarasota County Schools





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What the one-cent surtax means for public safety.

New facilities, fire stations and technology to speed emergency response.

- Construction of a new Fire/EMS regional training academy.
- New fire stations, engines and ambulances.
- Police vehicles and marine vessels.
- New and more centrally located fire stations.
- Technology and communications upgrades.

















