

GUIDE TO FILING HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

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An exemption from ad valorem taxes is available to residents of a particular county who own their principal residence within the county. Homeowners are entitled to claim partial exemption from taxation (the amount of exemption depends on the county) that can amount to substantial annual savings for the homeowner.

THE WHERE, WHEN AND WHO OF FILING:

In most counties the homeowner must go in person to the office of the Tax Commissioner of the county in which the property is located. (Note: Some counties allow Homestead filings through the mail.)

In order to file for homestead exemption, the homeowner must be the owner of record and occupy the property as the principal residence on January 1st of the year filing. An application for homestead exemption **can be filed no later than March 1** of the year the homeowner is entitled to the exemption. The Homestead exemption will remain on the property until there is a change in ownership.

DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION NEEDED IN FILING:

The Warranty Deed or a copy of the closing statement may be required along with photo identification. The Tax Commissioner will furnish the forms for the application.

The property owner filing for the homestead exemption may need the following information:

- (a) Present and previous ownership
- (b) Description of property
- (c) Automobile tag number(s)
- (d) Social Security number(s)

Presented to:



COUNTY HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The following is a list of the metro area counties and their procedures for filing the homestead exemption:

BARTOW COUNTY

(770)387-5111

www.bartowga.org/taxcomm

Office of the Tax Commissioner
135 W. Cherokee Avenue
Suite 217A
Cartersville, Georgia 30120

Must apply in person.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

(770) 479-0433

www.co.cherokee.ga.us

Office of the Tax Commissioner
100 North Street, Suite G20
Canton, Georgia 30114

Must apply in person.

CLAYTON COUNTY

(770) 477-3311

Courthouse Annex Three Building, 2nd floor
121 South McDonough Street
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

Must apply in person.

COWETA COUNTY

(770) 254-2670

Coweta County Tax Commissioner
County Administration Building
22 East Broad Street
Newnan, Georgia 30263

Must apply in person.

COBB COUNTY

(770) 528-8600

www.cobbtax.org

Office of the Tax Commissioner
100 Cherokee Street
Marietta, Georgia 30090

May apply in person or homeowner can call and have forms mailed to them with the instructions, or download from the website.

DEKALB COUNTY

(404) 298-4000

www.co.dekalb.ga.us/taxcommissioner

Office of the Tax Commissioner
4380 Memorial Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30032

DOUGLAS COUNTY

(770) 920-7272

www.co.douglas.ga.us/

Office of the Tax Commissioner
Douglas County Courthouse
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, Georgia 30134

May apply online, by mail or in person.

FORSYTH COUNTY

(770) 781-2110

www.co.forsyth.ga.us/tax/default.htm

Office of the Tax Commissioner
Forsyth Administration Building
110 E. Main Street
Suite 130
Cumming, Georgia 30040

Must apply in person.

FULTON COUNTY

(404) 224-0102

www.myfultoncountyga.com

Office of the Tax Assessor
141 Pryor Street
Suite 1047 B
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

May apply in person or homeowner may call to have an application mailed.

Ferguson McManamy Attorneys At Law, 621 North Avenue Suite C-50, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

GWINNETT COUNTY

(770) 822-7324

www.gwinnett-tax.com

Office of the Tax Commissioner
75 Langley Drive, 1st Floor
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045

New homeowners will be sent forms for the homestead exemption.

HALL COUNTY

(770) 531-6720

Office of the Tax Assessor
300 Green Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30503

May apply in person or by mail.

HENRY COUNTY

(770) 954-2470

www.co.henry.ga.us/taxcommissioner/taxcommmain.htm

Office of the Tax Commissioner
140 Henry Parkway, P.O. Box 488
McDonough, Georgia 30253

Must apply in person.

PAULDING COUNTY

(770) 443-7581

www.paulding.gov/government/taxcomm.htm

Office of the Tax Commissioner
Paulding county Annex Building

25 Courthouse Square #203
Dallas, Georgia 30132

Must apply in person.

WALTON COUNTY

(770) 267-1352

Office of the Tax Assessor
215A East Church Street
Monroe, Georgia 30656

Must apply in person.