



Filing for a Texas Property Tax Exemption

Why?

As a new property owner, you are required to pay property taxes on the real estate. Filing for a Texas Property Tax Exemption will reduce your property tax bill. It removes a part of the value of your property from taxation and lowers your taxes.

You will need to notify the taxing authorities of your new ownership so that the tax rolls will reflect the change. You can do this by contacting the appropriate tax appraisal district in your county from the following:

Where & How?

Brazoria County Appraisal District	979.849.7792	www.brazoriacad.org
Fort Bend County Appraisal District	281.344.8623	www.fbcad.org
Galveston County Appraisal District	866.277.4725	www.galvestoncad.com
Harris County Appraisal District	713.957.7800	www.hcad.org
Montgomery County Appraisal District	936.756.3354	www.mcad-tx.org
Waller County Appraisal District	979.921.0060	www.waller-cad.org

You must file between January 1 and no later than April 30 of the year you are requesting an exemption. In order to qualify for a residential homestead exemption you must provide the following to the Central Appraisal District when submitting your application:

****A copy of the applicant's Texas driver's license or Texas identification certificate****

NOTE: The property address on the exemption application must match the address listed on the applicant's Texas driver's license/Texas Identification certificate; otherwise the Chief Appraiser is prohibited from approving the exemption.

2016 Tax Exemptions

Contact your appraisal district to learn more about the following exemptions; which ones you qualify for and how to file for them:

- General Homestead Exemption**
- Over 65 Exemption**
- Disabled Individual Exemption**
- Disabled Veteran Exemption**
- Agriculture Land Exemption**

To receive your exemption(s), you must own the property and be living in the property as of January 1st. This is a **FREE** service.

Tax statements are generally mailed in October of each year. The taxes are payable on or after October 31, however, you may elect to pay them as late as January 31 without penalty. Taxes become delinquent February 1 and on this date penalties and interest do accrue. If you receive a Tax Statement and your mortgage company is escrowing funds for taxes from your monthly payments, forward the statement to your mortgage company so they can pay the taxes.