

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AGAIN AVAILABLE

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Senior citizens aged 65 and over who have not yet applied for the homestead exemption – and the tax savings it means – have their annual opportunity to sign up.

The Washington County Auditor's Office is again accepting applications for the homestead exemption through Monday June 1, 2009.

Seniors who are already signed up do not need to reapply.

But, for senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled Ohioans who were eligible last year and missed the deadline to sign up, the new enrollment period also presents an opportunity to claim the exemption for the 2008 tax year.

Homestead applications for the 2009 tax year (bills payable in 2010) are now available from the Auditor's Office. The new applications include a box, "Late application for prior year," that taxpayers may check if they also wish to claim the exemption for the 2008 tax year.

Taxpayers may check the box as long as they qualified in 2008 and are seeking the exemption for a home they have owned and lived in since Jan. 1, 2008.

Completed applications may be submitted to the Auditor's Office.

How taxpayers receive the credit for late homestead exemption applications for 2008 will depend on when the applications are received and approved. Taxpayers may have the entire tax savings applied to the second half bill or receive a refund in the form of a check later this year.

The exact amount of savings from the exemption will vary from area to area based on the tax rates. On average across Washington County, homeowners enrolled for the homestead exemption are expected to save about \$300-400 this year.

The homestead exemption form, DTE-105A, is available on this website by linking to "Forms".