

TAX INFORMATION FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS

As a new property owner, you are required to pay property taxes on this real estate. It is taxed each year by a variety of jurisdictions including the county, city and school district. As a new purchaser, you need to notify the taxing authorities of your ownership so that the tax rolls will reflect the change. You may do this by contacting the appropriate tax appraisal district in your county from the following list:

Collin County Appraisal District	469-742-9200	www.collincad.org
Dallas County Appraisal District	214-631-0910	www.dallascad.org
Denton County Appraisal District	940-349-3800	www.dentoncad.com
Ellis County Appraisal District	972-937-3552	www.elliscad.org
Grayson County Appraisal District	903-893-9673	www.graysonappraisal.org
Hunt County Appraisal District	903-454-3510	www.hunt-cad.org
Johnson County Appraisal District	817-648-3000	www.johnsoncad.com
Kaufman County Appraisal District	972-932-6081	www.kaufman-cad.org
Parker County Appraisal District	817-596-0077	www.parkercad.org
Rockwall County Appraisal District	972-771-2034	www.rockwallcad.com
Tarrant County Appraisal District	817-284-0024	www.tad.org

Your property is assigned a single appraised value, which is sent to all taxing jurisdictions. The jurisdiction then applies the tax rate, as set by its governing body, to the appraised value.

In order to qualify for a residential homestead exemption you must provide the following to the Central Appraisal District when submitting your application:

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

IMPORTANT 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.

****TAX EXEMPTIONS**

On January 1, value ownership, legal description of the property and exemption status of the taxpayer is determined. Several forms of tax relief are available which may reduce the taxable value of your property. Applying for exemptions is the taxpayer's responsibility. Some exemptions require a new application each year. Contact your appraisal district to learn more about the following exemptions 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 and be living in the property as of January 1st. Your application must be applied for on or before April 30th to receive the tax benefits for this year. This is a FREE service.

Remember, tax statements are generally mailed in October of each year. The taxes are payable on or after October 31st, however, you may elect to pay them as late as January 31st without penalty. Taxes become delinquent February 1st 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 that they can pay the taxes.

If the Central Appraisal District sends correspondence regarding your exemption, make sure to respond.

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