

DEADLINE TO FILE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS MARCH 1

You may apply for the Basic Homestead exemption if you own and occupy the home as your legal residence and primary dwelling on January 1 of the year in which the exemption is being claimed. The home must be your legal residence for all purposes whatsoever including the registration of your vehicles and filing of your Federal and Georgia State income taxes. You cannot file for homestead exemption on rental property, vacant land, or on more than one property. Homestead exemption applications are accepted year around. **Current year exemptions must be applied for January 2 through March 1.** Applications received after March 1 will be processed for the following year.

Homeowners in DeKalb County that receive the benefit of homestead exemption may also apply for a property assessment freeze to help offset future increases in property value. This freeze does not affect school, city or state taxes. Homeowners who currently have homestead exemption must apply for this freeze. However, new applicants applying for an exemption will receive the benefit of the freeze with their exemption. Residents must qualify for this freeze by March 1st by mail, online or in person at the Tax Commissioner's office. For more information homestead exemptions call that Tax Commissioner's office at 404-298-4000 or visit <https://dklbweb.dekalbga.org/taxcommissioner/index.asp>.