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### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

(Selected counties in metro Atlanta)

In order to qualify for a homestead exemption, the owner must be the owner of record and occupy the property as his or her principal residence on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following their purchase. Ordinarily, the homestead exemption will then remain in place until there is another change in ownership. The method by which a homeowner may file varies from county to county. Historically, a homeowner had to file in person, but now many counties have established procedures on their websites for filing online, or for accessing the forms and obtaining the different options available for filing. You may also access information for every county in the State of Georgia at [www.etax.dor.ga.gov](http://www.etax.dor.ga.gov). **Information you MAY need to include with your application: a copy of your recorded Warranty Deed or a copy of your Settlement Statement, along with your photo I.D.. You may also be asked for your automobile registration or tag numbers as proof of residency. The deadline for filing is April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PHONE #</u>	<u>FILE BASIC HOMESTEAD</u>
FULTON	404-224-0102	<a href="http://www.fultonassessor.org">www.fultonassessor.org</a> - Basic Exemption can be filed online.
DEKALB*	404-298-4000	<a href="http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/taxcommissioner">www.dekalbcountyga.gov/taxcommissioner</a> - Basic Exemption can be filed online. See exceptions – Exemptions for City of Decatur applied for with the City of Decatur.
COBB	770-528-8600	<a href="http://www.cobbtax.org">www.cobbtax.org</a> - By mail or in person – Several locations listed on application instructions.
GWINNETT	770-822-8800	<a href="http://www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com">www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com</a> - Basic Exemption can be filed online.
CHEROKEE	678-493-6120	<a href="http://www.cherokeega.com">www.cherokeega.com</a> - Must file in person. Tax Assessor's Office 2782 Marietta HWY, Canton, GA 30114
CLAYTON	770-477-3311	<a href="http://www.claytoncountyga.gov">www.claytoncountyga.gov</a> - Must file in person. Tax Assessor's Office 121 S McDonough St, Jonesboro, GA 30236
DOUGLAS	770-920-7272	<a href="http://www.douglastaxcommissioner.com">www.douglastaxcommissioner.com</a> - Some can be filed online; others must file in person. Tax Commissioner's Office, 6200 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville, GA 30134
FAYETTE	770-461-3652	<a href="http://www.fayettecountytaxcomm.com">www.fayettecountytaxcomm.com</a> - Must file in person. Tax Commissioner's Office 140 Stonewall Ave., Fayetteville, GA 30214
FORSYTH	770-781-2106	<a href="http://www.forsythco.com">www.forsythco.com</a> - Get Application; file in person or mail to Tax Assessor's Office - 110 E Main St, Suite 260, Cumming, GA 30040
PAULDING	770-443-7606	<a href="http://www.paulding.gov">www.paulding.gov</a> - Must file in person. Tax Assessor's Office 240 Constitution Blvd. Dallas, GA 30122
BARROW	770-307-3108	<a href="http://www.qpublic.net/ga/barrow">www.qpublic.net/ga/barrow</a> - Must file in person. Tax Assessor's Office 30 N Broad Street, Winder, GA 30680
HALL	770-531-6720	<a href="http://www.hallcounty.org">www.hallcounty.org</a> - Basic can be filed online.
JACKSON	706-367-6330	<a href="http://www.qpublic.net/ga/jackson">www.qpublic.net/ga/jackson</a> File in person or mail to: Tax Assessor's Office, 67 Athens St., Jefferson, GA 30549
WALTON	770-267-1352	<a href="http://www.qpublic.net/ga/walton">http://www.qpublic.net/ga/walton</a> - File in person. Tax Assessor's Office, 303 S Hammond Dr., Monroe, GA 30655

**\*Please note:** If you purchase property in the City of Decatur, they have a separate Homestead Exemption process. You should visit [www.decaturga.com/homestead](http://www.decaturga.com/homestead) and view their rules and separate link to their Homestead Exemption Form which may be filled out online.