

# Homestead Exemption

In order to qualify for a homestead exemption, the owner must be the owner of record and occupy the property as their principal residence on or before January 1st 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
- 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 1st.

| COUNTY   | PHONE #      | FILE BASIC HOMESTEAD  |
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| FULTON   | 404-224-0102 | <a href="http://www.fultonassessor.org">www.fultonassessor.org</a><br>Basic Exemption can be filed online.  |
| DEKALB*  | 404-298-4000 | <a href="http://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/taxcommissioner">www.dekalbcountyga.gov/taxcommissioner</a><br>Basic Exemption can be filed online. 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><br>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><br>Basic Exemption can be filed online.  |
| CHEROKEE | 678-493-6120 | <a href="http://www.cherokeega.com">www.cherokeega.com</a><br>Must file in person. Tax Assessor's Office<br>2782 Marietta HWY, Canton, GA 30114   |
| FORSYTH  | 770-781-2106 | <a href="http://www.forsythco.com">www.forsythco.com</a><br>File in person or mail to Tax Assessor's Office<br>110 E Main St, Suite 260, Cumming, GA 30040  |
| PAULDING | 770-443-7606 | <a href="http://www.paulding.gov">www.paulding.gov</a><br>Must file in person. Tax Assessor's Office<br>240 Constitution Blvd. Dallas, GA 30122   |
| HALL     | 770-531-6720 | <a href="http://www.hallcounty.org">www.hallcounty.org</a><br>Basic can be filed online.  |
| JACKSON  | 706-367-6330 | <a href="http://www.qpublic.net/ga/jackson">www.qpublic.net/ga/jackson</a><br>File in person or mail to: Tax Assessor's Office,<br>67 Athens St., Jefferson, GA 30549   |

\*Please note: If you purchase property in the City of Decatur, they have a separate Homestead Exemption process. Visit [www.decaturga.com/homestead](http://www.decaturga.com/homestead) and view their rules and learn more about their process.