

There are NEW homestead and senior tax exemptions in 2019!

Do you live in the home you own? If so, you may be eligible to save hundreds of dollars on your property taxes. Public agencies want to help homeowners benefit and stay in their homes.

If you do not already have a homestead exemption, you must apply to benefit. If you are 65 or older and do not have a senior tax exemption, you must apply by the deadline: April 1, 2019.

Read on for more information.

How do tax exemptions work?

- The Basic Homestead exemption and the Special Exemptions lower the assessed value of your house so that you pay less in property taxes.
- Most exemptions only reduce the amount that you pay toward specific causes, such the amount you pay toward local schools and parks.

Who is eligible?

- The Basic Homestead Exemption is for all homeowners who reside in Atlanta.
- The Special Exemptions each target certain groups of people, such as homeowners of a certain age, disability, or income level.
- There are also Special Exemptions for veterans or surviving spouses of veterans, peace officers, or firefighters killed in the line of duty.
- If you own multiple homes, no matter where they are located, you may only take a homestead exemption on one property.

When is the deadline?

- The deadline for all applications and supporting documents is **April 1, 2019, to the Board of Assessors office.**
- Applications received after April 1st will be applied to the following year's property assessment.

How do I apply?

- **Apply online** at www.fultonassessor.org/exemptions. Be sure to read all of the instructions on the website to submit the form and supporting documents.
- **Apply in person** at any of the five **Fulton County Board of Assessor's offices**. For office addresses, visit www.fultonassessors.org or call the contact number on the front of this pamphlet. If you have a disability that makes it impossible for you to go to the office in person, call their office to ask for guidance.
- **What to bring:** Whether you apply in person or online, have your driver's license or Georgia ID and your vehicle registrations (if you own a car) ready. Many of the Special Exemptions also require proof of income or other specific documents. Call the Board of Assessors Office for details.



Guide to Saving Money on Your Property Taxes



Questions?

Fulton County Board of Assessors:
404-612-6440
www.fultonassessor.org/exemptions
Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.: 404-477-3003
www.beltline.org

Overview of Tax Exemptions

PLEASE NOTE: exemptions are for homeowners in Fulton County and / or City of Atlanta only. Additional restrictions apply to each of these exemptions. Different exemptions apply to different components of your tax bill. Exemptions with “disabled” in the title are open to disabled persons of any age. Please contact the Fulton County Board of Assessors for full details and application procedures.

All homeowners are eligible for the following exemptions:

Basic Homestead Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$30,000 for many components of your property tax bill; lowers your home’s assessed value by \$50,000 for Atlanta Public Schools portion, if applicable
Floating Homestead Exemption	Caps the annually adjusted value at a 2.6% over the determined lowest base year value for City of Atlanta residents

Seniors age 62 or older are eligible for the following exemptions:

Senior Tax Deferral	A tax deferral that can delay the due date for your property taxes
Senior \$10,000 Statewide School Tax Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$10,000

Seniors age 65 or older are eligible for the following exemptions:

Senior or Disabled Tax Exemption	Exempts you from Fulton County property taxes for 2 years
Senior Tax Freeze	Freezes your home’s assessed value based on the previous year’s value
Senior City of Atlanta \$40,000 Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$40,000
\$4,000 Senior Fulton County Tax Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$4,000
Senior or Disabled Fulton County \$10,000 Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$10,000
Senior or Disabled City of Atlanta School \$25,000 Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$25,000
\$54,000 Senior or Disabled Fulton County Local School Tax Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$54,000
NEW in 2019: Senior Homestead Exemption	Lowers your home’s assessed value by \$50,000 for Fulton County portion

Seniors age 70 or older are eligible for the following exemption:

Senior or Disabled Fulton County Full Value Exemption (Age 70)	Exempts all Fulton County Operating, Bonds, and special service district taxes
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Veterans and their families are eligible for the following exemptions:

Disabled Veterans	Exempts you from certain Fulton County, Municipal, and School taxes
Veteran’s Surviving Spouse	Exempts you from certain Fulton County, Municipal, and School taxes
Surviving Spouse of Firefighters or Peace Officers (House Bill 81)	Exempts you from certain Fulton County, Municipal, Bond, and School taxes. May only be used in lieu of other exemptions.