

Why

A homestead exemption excludes all or part of a property's value from property taxation, which ultimately results in lower property taxes.

When

File between January 1 and April 30 of the tax year for which you are requesting an exemption. Types of Exemptions & Qualifications

Where

The appraisal district in the county in which your property is located. Below is the contact info for your local Appraisal District.

Collin:	469.742.9200	www.collincad.org
Dallas:	214.631.0520	www.dallascad.org
Denton:	940.349.3800	www.dentoncad.com
Ellis:	972.937.3552	www.elliscad.com
Fannin:	903.583.8701	www.fannincad.org
Grayson:	903.893.9673	www.graysonappraisal.org
Henderson:	903.675.9296	www.hendersoncad.org
Hood:	817.573.2471	www.hoodcad.iswdata.com
Hunt:	903.454.3510	www.hunt-cad.org
Johnson:	817.648.3000	www.johnsoncad.com
Kaufman:	972.932.6081	www.kaufman-cad.org
Parker:	817.596.0077	www.parkercad.org
Rockwall:	972.771.2034	www.rockwallcad.com
Tarrant:	817.284.0024	www.tad.org
Wise:	940.627.3081	www.wisecad.iswdata.com

Fees

There is no fee to file a Texas residence homestead exemption. **IT'S FREE! DON'T PAY TO FILE A TEXAS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION!** Scammers send official-looking stationery to suggest that a fee (usually \$50 or more) must be paid for a homeowner to get the exemption. These claims are false and deceptive.

Requirements

You must own and reside in your home on January 1 of the tax year and cannot claim a homestead exemption on any other property.

You must provide a valid Texas driver's license or Texas identification card, and in most cases, the address listed must match your homestead address.

How to File for an Exemption

1. Get an application form from the appraisal district office. **NO FEE OR COST** to: receive or file an exemption application!
2. Return the form to the appraisal district after January 1, but no later than April 30. You may file for a late homestead exemption up to one year after the date the taxes become delinquent. You will get a new tax bill with a lower amount or refund if you already paid.
3. To expedite the processing of your application, please include all required information. Failure to include the necessary information may result in the application being returned; therefore, resulting in processing delays.
4. If your property is valued by more than one appraisal district, you may file an application with either one of the district offices.
5. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over 65 exemption up to one year from the date you turned 65.
6. If the chief appraiser denies or modifies your exemption, he must tell you in writing within five days. The notice must explain how you can protest before the appraisal review board.
7. Once you receive a homestead exemption or disabled veteran's exemption, you don't have to apply again unless the chief appraiser asks you to apply or unless your qualifications change. Moving to a new home requires filling out a new application.
8. The chief appraiser may require a new application by sending you a written notice and an application form. If a new application is necessary, the chief appraiser is required to notify you in writing no later than January 31 of the tax year. If you don't return the new application, you will lose your exemptions.

Information acquired from Tarrant Appraisal District.
For more information, please visit www.tad.org.

