



## Does my Homestead Exemption Automatically Renew?

After your initial application for Homestead Exemption has been made and the exemption approved by our office, it automatically renews each year unless there is a change of ownership or eligible use of the property. Each January our office mails a Homestead Renewal Notice and "Change-Card" to all Homesteaded properties. This card allows property owners to verify the status, use, and ownership of the property has not changed. Florida law requires the property owner to notify the Property Appraiser of any change of property use or ownership status.

If anyone named on the Homestead Exemption has passed away, you should notify our office to avoid potential penalties. The Homestead Exemption of a deceased person must be removed in the year immediately following the individual's passing. The surviving spouse of a Homesteaded owner is entitled to keep this valuable exemption and lower Save Our Homes value; however, will need to apply for Homestead if they have not already done so. Homestead Exemptions do not transfer to other family members and cannot remain with the property after the Homesteaded owner passes away. If you are a co-owner and sole beneficiary to the property in the will, you may apply for Homestead Exemption while the will is probated as long as the property is your permanent residence.

If there are **NO** changes to the use and/or ownership of the property, simply keep the card as your receipt verifying you were automatically renewed for another year. However, if there are changes, please mark the Change Card accordingly and return it to our office.

If you are a surviving spouse or otherwise believe you are entitled to an exemption, you must file your own Homestead Exemption application to receive the benefit. If you have any questions relating to the death of the owner, the Change Card or need assistance in filing for Homestead or other tax-saving exemptions, please visit our website at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) or contact our Customer Service Department at 954.357.6830.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 954.357.6904 or by email at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net).

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Kiar".

Marty Kiar

