



Our office receives numerous calls every year asking us to confirm property tax exemptions on the recent tax bills. The Property Appraiser's Office does not set your tax rates or collect property taxes. We assess property for tax purposes and grant tax-saving exemptions to qualified individuals. The property tax bills are mailed by the Broward County Tax Collector's Office each year to more than 455,000 property owners.

All qualified Florida residents are entitled to a Homestead Exemption on their homes, condominiums, co-op apartments, and certain mobile home lots. To qualify for Homestead Exemption, you must own and make the property your permanent residence on January 1 of the year in which you are applying for this valuable exemption. Pursuant to Florida Statute, all assessments and exemptions are based upon the status of the property on January 1. If you purchased and/or made the property your permanent residence in 2018 and have not applied for Homestead Exemption, you can apply for 2019 exemptions at any time – there is no need to wait until 2019. You can easily apply online at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) or at one of our many outreach events. To see where our Mobile Exemption & Information Team will be, please visit <http://www.bcpa.net/Events.asp>

### **New Home Purchase in 2018**

If you purchased your home in 2018, the tax bill you received from the Broward County Tax Collector was for the 2018 tax year. If the previous owners of your new home were entitled to and received Homestead Exemption or any other exemption on January 1, 2018, you may have inherited their exemptions on your 2018 property tax bill. Florida Statutes require these exemptions be removed for 2019 and the Save Our Homes Value be brought up to the 2019 Just Value. This will often result in an increase in your 2019 property taxes so it is important you apply for 2019 Homestead Exemption and any other exemptions you may qualify for. Your new 2019 Homestead Exemption will be reflected next year on all 2019 property records, notices and tax bills. Should you have any questions regarding your new exemption, please contact our Customer Service & Exemption 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". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marty Kiar  
Broward County Property Appraiser

