



You Can Still Late File for Tax-Saving Exemptions for 2019

Homestead Exemption - If you purchased your property before January 1, 2019 and have not yet filed for 2019 Homestead Exemption or other available exemptions – you still have time. The late filing deadline for any 2019 property tax exemptions is September 18, 2019. This is the absolute last deadline to apply for these valuable exemptions as state law does not allow for late filing for exemptions after this date, regardless of any good cause reason for missing the late filing deadline. You can easily apply for Homestead Exemption online at www.bcpa.net or in our office. Additionally, if you purchased your home after January 1, 2019, you can pre-file for 2020 Homestead Exemption at any time.

If you had Homestead Exemption on another property, you must apply for this exemption on your new home. Homestead Exemption does not automatically transfer. When applying for Homestead, please make sure to complete a Portability application. This will allow you to transfer some of the savings you may have from the previously Homesteaded property to your new one.

Senior Exemption - In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2019, an applicant must be 65 or older as of January 1, 2019, receive the Homestead Exemption on the property, AND have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2018 not exceeding \$30,174. To apply for this additional exemption, an applicant must complete a Sworn Statement of Adjusted Gross Income of Household form and provide a copy of the 2018 Income Tax Return Form 1040 for all persons residing in the home. For additional information and to download the necessary forms, please visit our website at www.bcpa.net/senior_instructions.asp

Our staff is also readily available to assist you at various community events around the county. To see where our outreach representatives will be, simply visit our Community Outreach Calendar online at www.bcpa.net/Events.asp. Look for one of our BCPA tents at these great events and staff will be happy to help you complete your exemption application or answer any questions you may have.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 954.357.6904 or by email at martykiar@bcpa.net

Take care,

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