

Supervisor of Assessments
DuPage County
421 N. County Farm Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

2020 Senior Homestead Exemption Status
TAX BILL PAYABLE IN 2021



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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Public Act 101-0635 became law allowing this office to renew your **Senior Freeze Homestead Exemption** and **Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities** for the 2020 tax year without an application. You are not required to file this application for the 2020 tax year payable in 2021.

However, if any of the listed changes on the bottom portion of this form apply to you, please detach the bottom portion of this form and return it to this office. If you must return the bottom portion of this form to report any changes, it is preferred that you either mail or email the form to the addresses below.

Sincerely,

Senior Homestead Exemption Department
DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments
421 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Phone 630-407-5858
FAX 630-407-5860
Email HomesteadRenew@DuPageCo.org

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[REDACTED]
Parcel Number [REDACTED]

If any of changes listed below apply, please complete & return this portion to this office.

_____ I sold my home - please provide the date _____

_____ I moved but still own my house – please provide date _____

If you moved where did you move to? _____

If you moved has someone moved into your home or is it vacant? _____

_____ Has the qualified senior passed away? Please provide date _____

Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Saving Programs in Addition to the Senior Homestead Exemption

Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption – To qualify you must:

- Establish age, ownership and residency by applying for the Senior Homestead Exemption.
- Have a total household income (before deductions) of \$65,000 or less.
- Own and occupy the property on or before January 1st of the application year and prior base year.
- Be liable for payment of real estate taxes on the property.
- Fill application by October 1st of the tax/assessment year.

In some cases, the surviving spouse of an eligible senior citizen may qualify.

How to apply: Eligible senior taxpayers must annually complete the *Application and Affidavit for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption* form that you may receive at the DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments Office, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois or your local Township Assessor's Office. You may also request this form to be mailed to you by contacting this office at 630-407-5858 or you may visit our website www.dupageco.org/soa to complete and print this form.

What benefit does this exemption provide? The Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption provides seniors with limited income protection against real estate tax increases due to rising property values. It is **not** a tax freeze or a tax reduction and does not protect against increased taxes due to tax rate increases. Because this exemption provides for a base year frozen assessment, it will potentially provide increased savings each year a senior is eligible.

Senior Real Estate Tax Deferral Program – To qualify you must:

- Be age 65 by June 1st of the year for which the application is made.
- Have a household income of less than \$55,000 (senior or senior and spouse only).
- Own and occupy the property.
- Have lived in Illinois at least 3 years.
- Be liable for payment of real estate taxes.
- Have no delinquent real estate taxes.
- Have fire and casualty insurance on the property.
- Fill application by March 1st in the year the taxes are due.

How to apply: Applications and guidelines are available from Gwen Henry, DuPage County Collector at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois. Phone 630-407-5900.

What benefit does this exemption provide? This program allows a qualifying senior to defer payment of real estate taxes & any special assessment on their residence. The State pays the real estate taxes and repayment plus interest of 6% annually is made when the senior sells the property or within a year of their passing.