



January 06, 2010

Dear Harry Norman, Realtors® Customer:

Congratulations on your home purchase this past year and thank you for choosing Harry Norman, Realtors® to assist with your purchase. We are grateful for your confidence in our company and sales associates. I am sure that you are aware of a **special property tax exemption in Georgia**, the homestead exemption, and we want to take this opportunity to remind you of the filing procedures required to take advantage of it. As the new owner of a home **you must apply for the exemption – it is not automatic.**

The homestead exemption provides the homeowner a reduced taxable value provided that:

- 1) The home is occupied by the homeowner on January 1, **and**
- 2) The homeowner applies for the homestead exemption with the county in which the property is located.

The deadline to file for your homestead exemption is March 1, 2010 in all counties.

For your convenience, we have enclosed the addresses and telephone numbers of the county tax commissioners' offices in the Greater Atlanta area.

In addition, we have placed a link on our website which will provide you with more detailed information on the homestead exemption as well as links to county information on the state's website and phone numbers for the county tax commissioner's office. Please visit **www.harrynorman.com/homestead** to access this information.

Harry Norman, Realtors® encourages you to contact your local county tax commissioner or tax assessor's office or visit their website to confirm the filing details for your county and take full advantage of this exemption. We hope this timely reminder serves to assist you in reducing your property tax bill.

Thank you again for allowing Harry Norman, Realtors® to serve your real estate needs.

Sincerely,

Martha Hayhurst
President

CORPORATE OFFICE

532 East Paces Ferry Road, Suite 300 · Atlanta, Georgia 30305

404-504-7300 · Fax: 404-256-1704

www.HarryNorman.com · Equal Housing Opportunity

Exclusive Atlanta Affiliate of Christie's Great Estates

2010 Homestead Exemption Information

When tax time rolls around, there is a beneficial exemption available to Georgia homeowners.

Metro Atlanta County Tax Commissioners

BARROW COUNTY
233 East Broad Street
Winder, GA 30680
770-307-3107

BARTOW COUNTY
135 West Cherokee Avenue
Suite 217A
Cartersville, GA 30120
770-387-5111

CARROLL COUNTY
423 College Street
Room 401
Carrollton, GA 30117
770-830-5843

CHEROKEE COUNTY
2780 Marietta Hwy
Canton, GA 30114
678-493-6400

CLAYTON COUNTY
121 South McDonough Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236
770-477-3311

COBB COUNTY
736 Whitlock Avenue
Suite 100
Marietta, GA 30064
770-528-8600

COWETA COUNTY
22 East Broad Street
Newnan, GA 30264
770-254-2670

DAWSON COUNTY
78 Howard Avenue East
Suite 140
Dawsonville, GA 30534
706-344-3520

DEKALB COUNTY
4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 100
Decatur, GA 30032
404-298-4000

DOUGLAS COUNTY
8700 Hospital Drive
Douglasville, GA 30134
770-920-7272

FAYETTE COUNTY
140 Stonewall Avenue, #110
Fayetteville, GA 30214
770-461-3652

FORSYTH COUNTY
1092 Tribble Gap Road
Cumming, GA 30040
770-781-2110

**FULTON COUNTY
& CITY OF ATLANTA**
141 Pryor Street, Suite 1085
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-730-6100

GWINNETT COUNTY
75 Langley Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
770-822-8800

HALL COUNTY
300 Henry Ward Way,
Suite 203
Gainesville, GA 30501
770-531-6755

HENRY COUNTY
140 Henry Parkway
McDonough, Ga. 30253
770-288-8180

NEWTON COUNTY
1113 Usher Street
Suite 101
Covington, GA 30014
770-784-2020

PAULDING COUNTY
240 Constitution Blvd
Room 3006
Dallas, GA 30132
770-443-7581

PICKENS COUNTY
1266 E. Church Street
Jasper, GA 30143
706-253-8809

ROCKDALE COUNTY
969 Pine Street
P.O. Drawer 1497
Conyers, GA 30012
770-278-7600

SPALDING COUNTY
P. O. Box 509
Griffin, GA 30224
770-467-4360

WALTON COUNTY
303 South Hammond Drive
Monroe, GA 30655
770-267-1335

The homestead exemption reduces the taxable value of your home provided:

- The home is occupied by the homeowner on January 1, **and**
- The homeowner applies for the homestead exemption with the county in which the property is located.

The deadline to file for your homestead exemption is March 1, 2010.

A homestead exemption is very important for you as it may mean you have to pay less tax on your property. In the State of Georgia, taxable (or assessed) value is calculated as 40% of the fair market value of your property. The homestead exemption reduces the taxable value by a minimum of \$2,000, thereby lowering your tax obligation. Homestead exemption amounts vary by county with many being well above \$2,000. There are, however, a few notable exceptions to homestead exemption:

- You are not exempt from school taxes levied by municipalities
- You are not exempt from paying interest on and retiring bond debts

To be granted homestead exemption, you must file an application with the tax commissioner's office in your county. In some counties the tax assessor's office has been designated to receive applications for the homestead exemption.

Please check with your county regarding specific procedures and deadlines before going to file your exemption.

** While every attempt has been made to verify information, mistakes are possible and taxpayers should contact their local tax officials for verification and clarification of filing procedures for their specific county.*

For more information, please visit www.harrynorman.com/homestead

Exclusive Affiliate of
CHRISTIE'S
GREAT ESTATESSM


**LEADING
REAL ESTATE
COMPANIESSM**
of THE WORLD


HARRY NORMAN,
REALTORSSM
Since 1930

**RELOSM Quality
Certification**

**LUXURY
PORTFOLIOSM**
FINE PROPERTY COLLECTION


REGENTSSM
ATLANTA

The best move you'll ever make.SM

