

2011 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT EXEMPTIONS

Exemption	Description	Required Documentation
General Homestead	Reduces your assessed value on your primary residence by \$6,000.	No application is required. Call our office if the General Homestead is not listed on your tax bill.
Senior Citizen Homestead	Reduces your assessed value on your primary residence by \$4,000. If you are 65 or older, you can apply.	1. Proof of age (Driver's License, State ID or birth certificate) 2. Copy of deed*
Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze	Keeps your assessment from increasing. If you already qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption and your household income is less than \$55,000, you may qualify.	1. Front page of 2010 IRS 1040 2. 2010 Social Security 1099 (if not listed on IRS 1040) 3. All other household income verification for 2010 (if IRS 1040 was not filed)
Disabled Persons' Homestead	Reduces your assessed value on your primary residence by \$2,000. You may qualify if you cannot participate in any "substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment" which will result in death or that will last for at least 12 continuous months.	1. Class 2 or 2A Illinois Disabled Person ID ▪ or SSA disability benefit award, verification, or COLA letter ▪ or Veterans' Admin disability benefit award or verification letter (for non-service connected disability pensions) ▪ or Railroad or Civil Service disability benefit award or verification letter (for 100% disability) ▪ or PTAX 343-A Physician's Statement (if none of the above can be provided) 2. Copy of deed*
Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead	Reduces your assessed value on your primary residence by \$2,500 or \$5,000. Veterans with a service-connected disability of at least 50% may qualify.	1. Recorded DD 214 2. 2011 disability certification letter from U.S. Dept. of Veterans' Affairs 3. Copy of deed*
Returning Veterans' Homestead	Reduces your assessed value on your primary residence by \$5,000. If you are returning from active duty in an armed conflict involving the United States, you may qualify for this 2 year exemption.	1. Recorded DD 214 and/or DD 220 2. Copy of deed*
Homestead Improvement	A four year exemption on improvements made to your primary residence equal to the increase of the assessment due to that improvement. This amount cannot exceed \$25,000 in assessed value, and is granted for four years.	The Township Assessor automatically files this exemption on behalf of qualifying residents. Check your tax bill or call our office to see if your improvement, such as, but not limited to, a room addition, garage, porch or inground pool, qualifies.

* If your deed was recorded after 1965, the assessor's office can likely find your deed online

Note: Exemptions are shown as a reduction of your assessment, not actual tax dollars

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