

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Homestead exemptions are available to property owners when the owner occupies the home as his or her legal residence. Homestead exemptions are deducted from the assessed value of the qualifying property (40% of the fair market value).

To receive the benefit of a homestead exemption, the property owner must file an initial application in the Baldwin County Tax Assessor's office. The property must be owned and resided in on January 1 of the year that the homestead is first claimed. Homestead exemptions may be applied for year-round. However – the application must be received by APRIL 1 of the tax year for which it is first claimed. Homestead exemptions applications received after April 1 will be applied to the next tax year.

Homestead exemptions do not need to be re-applied for every year unless there is a change of residence, or a homeowner seeks to qualify for a different kind of homestead exemption.

Baldwin County offers several different types of homestead exemptions. One is based on individuals between the ages 60-64 and some are based on age 65 and older. There are also several homesteads available for 100% service-connected disabled veterans, un-remarried surviving spouses of US service members killed in action or un-remarried surviving spouses of firefighters or peace officers killed in the line of duty.

For more information regarding homesteads and their qualifications, please call the Baldwin County Tax Assessor's office at 478-445-5300.