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No Charge for Filing Homeowner's Exemption Claim Form with County Assessor

The Placer County Assessor's Office does not charge for filing the Homeowner's Exemption claim form, nor is there any charge for the form itself. In recent weeks, county home owners have been receiving advertisements from one or more independent companies who charge a fee for providing the property owner with a completed homeowner's exemption claim form to file with the Assessor.

Assessor, Bruce Dear would like to alert the public to the fact that these private companies are not affiliated with the Assessor in any way, nor is there any requirement that their services be used in order to file a Homeowners' Exemption claim. Any property owner, who wishes, may file a claim directly with the Assessor at no charge and without using the service offered by these businesses.

All property owners are encouraged to review their property tax bill to verify that they are receiving a homeowner's exemption. If the Homeowners' Exemption line shows any amount other than zero, they have the exemption and no further action is necessary. If you recently purchased your home it should be noted that buyers of residential properties are automatically sent claim forms by the Assessor's Office.

Property owners who occupy a property as their principle residence on January 1st or within 90 days after the date the property was acquired, or new construction was completed are eligible for the annual property tax reduction. The maximum reduction is \$7,000 of assessed value, which equates to a \$70 tax savings. Once you qualify for the exemption it is automatically applied in subsequent years; however, you are entitled to no more than one Homeowners' Exemption within the State of California.

If you have any questions, please call the Assessor's Office at (530) 889-4300, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Bruce Dear
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