FILING SEASON FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS OPENS

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The annual filing season for money-saving property tax exemptions is now open. Most homeowners, however, will not have to submit anything during the filing season because many exemptions are automatically renewed each year. But some people in owner-occupied properties will have to apply this year to get the exemptions they are entitled to:

Situations where Exemption Applications are Required

- Senior citizens (65 years and up) with annual household income of $65,000 must apply for the **Senior Freeze Exemption** annually.
- Seniors who purchased their homes in 2025 or turned 65 in 2025 must apply for the **Senior Citizen Exemption.**
- Homeowners under age 65 who purchased their homes in 2024 must apply for the **Homeowner Exemption.**
- Most veterans eligible for the **Disabled Veterans Exemption** must renew it annually.
- Homeowners who became disabled in 2025 must apply for the **Disabled Exemption**.

Residents should feel free to call the Oak Park Township Assessor's office at (708) 383-8005 for help in filing this year's exemptions. Residents can also file for exemptions on their own through the Cook County Assessor's website or through exemption applications sent by mail.

The mailing date for Senior Freeze renewal applications should be around March 20, with Disabled Veteran renewals to be mailed shortly thereafter. Senior Freeze renewals are due by April 21 and Disabled Veteran renewals will be due April 28.

Taxpayers should be aware that they will see their exemptions on second installment tax bills, which should be mailed in the summer or fall of 2026.

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