

# HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

& how to file electronically

Here are 6 things  
you should know

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## What are Exemptions?

Exemptions are a form of tax relief that can reduce the assessed value of your property.

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## Do I Qualify?

In order to qualify for all homestead exemptions, you must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the tax year. The deadline date to apply online is April 1st, however you may apply in person any time prior to the 45-day annual assessment notice appeal due date to receive benefits of the application year.

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## Applicants who Obtain Homestead may also Obtain Stephens-Day

### What is Stephens-Day?

A homestead exemption that establishes a base year value for which is used as a taxable value.

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## To File for All Homestead Exemptions, please review the Requirements at [boa.chathamcountyga.gov](http://boa.chathamcountyga.gov)

If you do not have a valid Georgia ID or a vehicle registration, you must come in to the office to apply.

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## Other Exemptions That May Be Filed Online Are:

- Disabled Veteran
- Senior School or Senior County
- Unremarried Surviving Spouse of a Veteran
- School Tax Disability

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Filing for the Homestead Exemption is Now Made Easier With E-File!  
You can now file for All Homestead Exemptions easily with 3 easy steps to E-File at: <http://boa.chathamcountyga.gov>

1. Click on "Records Search & Online Filings" 2. Select "E File" on the Next Page 3. Create your E File Account



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