



The following exemptions, available to qualifying property owners, help to lower your property tax bill.

The Owner Occupied Exemption

(Also known as the General Homestead Exemption)

This exemption lowers the equalized assessed value of your property up to \$6,000.

To qualify for this exemption, you must:

- Own and occupy the property as your principal residence on January 1st of the tax year.

The Home Improvement Exemption

This exemption defers for four years any increase in the assessment of your single family Owner Occupied property due to an addition or other improvement to your home for which the Assessor would add value.

A maximum of \$25,000 of assessed value may be deferred under this program.

The Township Assessor's office initiates this exemption.

Senior Homestead Exemption

This exemption lowers the equalized assessed value of your property up to \$5,000.

To receive this exemption, you must:

- Own and occupy the property as your principal residence.
- Be age 65 during the tax year.

Apply for the exemption at the County Assessment Office or Township Assessor's office. You will need to bring proof of age with you when you apply.

Low Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Exemption

Must be renewed annually

This exemption freezes the taxable assessment on your property. The exemption may be claimed in addition to the Senior Homestead & Owner Occupied exemptions.

To receive this exemption, you must:

- Have owned & occupied the property as your principal residence for two January 1st's.
- Be age 65 or older
- Have a maximum gross household income of \$65,000. This household income

includes that of all persons using the property as their principal dwelling place on January 1 of the tax year.

Apply for the exemption at the County Assessment Office or Township Assessor's office. You will need to bring proof of income of all members of the household (such as a copy of your federal income tax return and the 1099 forms from social security) and a photo ID with you when you apply.

Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

This program is designed to allow senior citizens to defer payment of part or all of the property taxes on their homes. This program functions as a loan, with an annual interest rate of six percent.

For more information contact:

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Returning Veteran's Exemption

Under this program, you will receive a \$5,000 reduction in assessed value in the year in which returning from active duty, and the following year. To receive this exemption, you must:

- Own and occupy the property as of January 1 of the year returning.
- Be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, IL National Guard, or U.S. Reserved Forces.
- Must be returning from duty in an armed conflict. If called back to active duty, the exemption can be received in another year.

You may only receive one of the following exemptions

Disabled Veteran's Exemption

Under this program, a veteran with a 30% to 49% disability receives a deduction of \$2,500 off the assessed value of their home. A veteran with 50% to 69% disability receives a deduction of \$5,000 off the assessed value of their home. A veteran with 70% or greater will be granted a total exemption from taxes on their home that is owned by a qualifying veteran, the veteran's spouse, or unmarried surviving spouse. To receive this exemption, you must:

- Occupy the property during the assessment year.
- Be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, or state active duty, IL National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces and not have received a dishonorable discharge.
- Have at least a 30% service connected disability certified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption Under this program you will receive a \$2,000 reduction in assessed value. To receive this exemption, you must:

- Own and occupy the property as of January 1 of the assessment year.
- Must be disabled or become disabled during the assessment year.

Veterans with Disabilities

Under this program, up to \$100,000 of the equalized assessed value of a home owned by a qualifying veteran, the veteran's spouse or unmarried surviving spouse is exempt from property taxes.

To qualify for this exemption, you must:

- Have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- Have a disability of such a nature that the Federal Government has authorized payment for the purchase or construction of housing which has special adaptations to meet the needs of your disability.

Apply for this exemption through the [Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs](#) .

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NOTE: This exemption must be renewed each year.