

Maryland homeowners need to apply to keep property tax bills within 7 percent

The Board of County Commissioners strongly encourages homeowners in the southern and western parts of Carroll County to file for the State of Maryland's Homestead Tax Credit.

In Carroll County, the credit keeps your property tax bill from rising more than 7 percent a year for the house where you live. Until 2008, the credit was automatic. Because of a change in State law, to receive the credit now, you must fill out a one-time application. Make sure you do not lose this valuable credit.

"This credit can have a significant impact on your real estate taxes regardless of your property's value or your income level," the application states.

Homes in the following areas are affected this year: New Windsor, Franklin, Taylorsville, Winfield, Mount Airy, Woodbine, Berrett, Sykesville, Freedom, Eldersburg and Marriottsville.

You should have received a copy of the application when your new assessment arrived in the mail at the first of the year. You can also file your application electronically with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation by visiting <https://sdathtc.resiusa.org/homestead> and following the instructions on that web page.

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