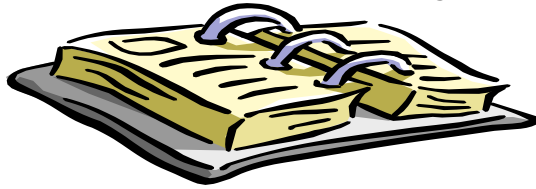


Taxpayers Alert: Town of Amherst Taxpayers



IMPORTANT DATE –PLEASE MAKE NOTE-EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE. EFFECTS ALL EXEMPTION FILINGS

Taxable status is March 1st, 2018 effective with the filing of the 2018 Assessment Roll.

- Therefore, taxpayers **RENEWING** for any REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, for example ENHANCED STAR(**RENEWALS ONLY- NOT NEW APPLICATIONS- SEE BELOW FOR INFORMATION ON NEW APPLICATIONS**), ENHANCED STAR/AGED, DISABILITY, AGRICULTURAL, NOT FOR PROFIT OR OTHERS; must renew his or her exemption on or before **March 1st, 2018**
- Renewals were mailed to all eligible taxpayers in September of 2017. Many people have already submitted the proper information and have renewed for 2018. If you have not, please be sure to come to the Assessor's office by March 1st, 2018. The Office is located at:

5583 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221
Hours are 8AM-5PM Daily

If you are unsure if you have renewed, please call the Assessor's Office at 631-7038 to determine your status.

- **NEW OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FILING for BASIC STAR or ENHANCED STAR** You no longer file with the local Assessor but file directly with New York State. Call (518)457-2036 or go to www.tax.ny.gov
- Taxpayers filing **NEW** for any VETERANS EXEMPTIONS, BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXEMPTION(485-b), CLERGY, NOT FOR PROFIT, AGRICULTURAL OR OTHERS; must file his or her exemption on or before **March 1st, 2018**.
- If you are turning 65 in 2017 or 2018 AND currently have Basic STAR, you may be eligible for Enhanced STAR or the Enhanced STAR/Aged Exemption-again, call or visit the assessor's office for information and how to apply.
- If you have a VETERANS Exemption, that **DOES NOT** have to be renewed unless you have a Veterans Disability and your disability rating changes.

The key things needed for most exemptions are:

- Aged/Enhanced STAR/Disability-copy of your 2016 1040 IRS return, or if not a tax filer, copies of your 1099's for 2016
- Proof of Age-License or Birth Certificate
- Proof of residency- one of the following-License, Voter Registration, Auto Registration or Auto Insurance Card –whatever is submitted must show your address and match your property address
- Veterans-Copy of DD-214
- Disability-Information from Social Security, VA or similar verifying your disability

For further information please contact the Town of Amherst Assessor's Office.

716-631-7038