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Re: March 1st Deadline to File Exemption Application

The Tompkins County Department of Assessment needs your help in getting the word out about the upcoming exemption application filing deadline. We appreciate your continuing support in this matter.

March 1st is the deadline to file for any Real Property Tax Exemption. This includes but is not limited to the Senior Citizen Exemption, the Enhanced Star Exemption, and the Disability Exemption. It is also the deadline for any new Basic Star Exemptions (however if a property received a Basic Star exemption last year and there was not a change in ownership, that property owner does not need to reapply this year.)

At the end of the week, we will send out pre-recorded phone calls to those that have not filed their renewal applications. Currently, there are still approximately 1,400 senior citizens who have yet to reapply for this exemption.

The most common misconception with the senior exemption is that the income tax return must accompany the application. In fact, if the application is filed by March 1st, we can take the income tax return at any point up to April 15th.

If a property owner has any questions regarding exemptions, they can call 607-274-5517 or email at assessment@tompkins-co.org

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