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The Division of Taxation will soon begin mailing applications for the 2014 Homestead Benefit. Applications are being mailed to homeowners over the next three weeks according to the schedule below. The deadline for filing is Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016.

The Homestead Benefit application delivery dates by county are:

Atlantic, Bergen, Cumberland, Warren - Sept. 17

Cape May, Mercer, Ocean - Sept. 20

Monmouth, Somerset, Union - Sept. 22

Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic, Sussex - Sept. 24

Camden, Hudson, Morris - Sept. 27

Burlington, Essex, Gloucester, Salem - Sept. 29

Using the same delivery schedule as for the printed application packets, the Division will send emails with instructions for downloading the 2014 application packet to homeowners who requested electronic applications.

Because the State Budget limited eligibility for senior/disabled homeowners to those with New Jersey gross income of \$150,000 or less, and for nonsenior/nondisabled homeowners to those with New Jersey gross income of \$75,000 or less, homeowners whose 2014 income exceeded these limits will not receive applications.

With very few exceptions, homeowners must file their applications over the Internet or by phone. The application packet contains answers to most questions filers may have. Homeowners who receive a packet should read it carefully and, if they meet the eligibility requirements, complete the worksheet in the packet before filing. Homeowners who have already sold the home that was their principal residence on Oct. 1, 2014, or who plan to sell should pay particular attention to the instructions regarding sale of property to ensure they complete the application correctly.

Most homeowners will receive their 2014 benefit payment as a credit on a future property tax bill. They can expect to receive a property tax bill or advice copy from their tax collector reflecting the amount of the benefit. Homeowners who indicated when filing that they no longer own the property or those whose principal residence was a unit in a co-op or continuing care retirement community will receive their benefit by check (or direct deposit).

Information on the 2014 Homestead Benefit, including the eligibility requirements, is available at: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml>

The homeowner benefit Internet filing application on the Division of Taxation website (<http://www.njtaxation.org>) and automated telephone filing system (1-877-658-2972) will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the filing period.

Homeowners who have questions or need help filing their applications can call the Homestead Benefit Hotline at 1-888-238-1233. Representatives are available from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except State holidays.

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If you have a question about any of the taxes and programs administered by the Division of Taxation, click on [https://www.state.nj.us/treas/taxation/contactus\\_tytaxa.shtml](https://www.state.nj.us/treas/taxation/contactus_tytaxa.shtml) to send an email.

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