From: NJ Division of Taxation

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The New Jersey Division of Taxation will mail Homestead Benefit worksheets and instructions during the month of September 2017. (See schedule below.) Using the same schedule, the Division will email instructions for downloading the worksheet and instructions to filers who have requested electronic delivery. The filing deadline for applications is Thursday, November 30, 2017.

The packet contains no application. Homeowners must file applications online or by phone, unless instructed otherwise by the Division of Taxation.

Homeowners should file only if they meet the eligibility requirements.

Expected delivery dates by county are:

Cape May, Mercer, Ocean – September 16

Monmouth, Somerset, Union - September 19

Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic, Sussex - September 21

Camden, Hudson, Morris - September 23

Burlington, Essex, Gloucester, Salem - September 26

Atlantic, Bergen, Cumberland, Warren – September 28

The packet's cover indicates that the instructions and worksheet are for 2015. The criteria for receiving benefits are based in part on taxes paid and income earned in that year. The State limits eligibility to homeowners with \$75,000 or less in New Jersey gross income in 2015, and to senior/disabled homeowners with New Jersey gross income of \$150,000 or less in that same year.

Homeowners who sold their homes after October 1, 2015, or who may sell their homes, should pay careful attention to the instructions regarding property sales.

Most homeowners will receive their benefit as a credit on a local Property Tax bill. Homeowners who indicate that they no longer own a property or those whose principal residence was a unit in a co-op or continuing care retirement community will receive benefits by check or direct deposit.

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

The online filing application is on the Division of Taxation website (http://www.njtaxation.org). The online and automated telephone (1-877-658-2972) filing systems will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the filing period.

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