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The Division of Taxation has begun mailing applications for the 2012 Homestead Benefit. Applications are being mailed to homeowners over the next three weeks according to the schedule below. The deadline for filing is Friday, November 22, 2013.

The Homestead Benefit application delivery dates by county are:

Camden, Hudson, Hunterdon, Salem, Somerset - October 10

Bergen, Burlington, Cumberland, Warren - October 12

Morris, Ocean - October 15

Atlantic, Essex, Monmouth, Sussex - October 18

Cape May, Union - October 19

Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Passaic - October 22

Homeowners who asked to receive their applications electronically will be sent an email containing instructions for downloading their 2012 application packet. These messages will also be sent out by county according to the delivery schedule above.

Because previous State Budgets 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 2012 income exceeded these limits will not receive applications.

With very few exceptions, Homestead Benefit applications must be filed over the Internet or by phone. Homeowners who receive a packet should read it carefully and, if they meet the eligibility requirements, complete the worksheet in the packet prior to filing. The answers to most questions can be found in the application packet. Homeowners who have already sold the home that was their principal residence on October 1, 2012, or who plan to sell should pay particular attention to the instructions regarding sale of property to ensure they complete the application correctly.

Information on the 2012 Homestead Benefit is available at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/homestead/geninf.shtml>

The homeowner benefit Internet filing application on the Division of Taxation Web site (www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/) 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 holidays.

Most eligible homeowners will receive their Homestead Benefit for 2012 as a credit on a future property tax bill instead of receiving a rebate check (or direct deposit). These homeowners can expect to receive a property tax bill or advice copy from their tax collector that will reflect the amount of the benefit. Those homeowners who indicate 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 have their benefit issued in the form of a check (or direct deposit).

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.

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_tyttaxa.shtml to send an email.

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