

Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office

August 2019 Newsletter



Taxpayers:

Welcome August!

This time of the year, my office prepares the annual Notice of Proposed Property Taxes or TRIM notices for all property owners in the county. It is not a bill, but rather an estimate of your taxes based on the proposed tax rates, your property value and exemptions.

This year, I am excited to announce your 2019 TRIM notice has a new look.

We updated the large-size format to make it more concise and easy to read. You will find taxing authority information, including proposed millage rates and taxes, and public hearing details together on one side.

The other side of the notice contains your property's value, any exemptions and information about the petition process.

These notices will be mailed on **August 19, 2019**.

We are always available to help you understand this notice, or answer questions regarding property appraisals, exemptions and assessment caps. For an interactive guide to the notice (which will be live on our website after August 19th) or to contact us, go to the Property Appraiser Public Access (PAPA) website at www.pbcgov.org/PAPA.

In this month's newsletter, a brief overview of the redesigned TRIM notice and an important reminder for those property owners (permanent Florida residents) who have not filed for a homestead exemption.

I hope you find this information beneficial and wish you a wonderful month.

We Value What You Value

Respectfully,

Dorothy Jacks, CFA, AAS
Palm Beach County Property Appraiser



Homestead Exemption Filing on Real Property

**If you already have a homestead exemption on your property, you do NOT need to reapply.*

In the state of Florida, a \$25,000 exemption is applied to the first \$50,000 of your property's assessed value if your property is your permanent residence and you owned the property on January 1 of the tax year. An initial application is required. This exemption applies to all taxes, including school district taxes.

An additional exemption of up to \$25,000 will be applied if your property's assessed value is between at least \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption is not applied to school district taxes.

The deadline to file for Homestead Exemption is **March 1** of the qualifying year.

You have three options to submit your application for a Homestead Exemption:

- **E-File** at www.pbcgov.org/PAPA Use our simple online application process, the fastest way to file.
(The day you close on a home in Palm Beach County, you can E file for a homestead exemption on our website, without the deed.)
- Complete the application online. Print it out and mail to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, Exemption Services, 1st Floor, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33401
- Visit one of our [five service centers](#) to file in person.

For a list of qualifications go to: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA or contact Exemption Services at 561.355.2866 or myexemption@pbcgov.org.