

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HOMESTEAD PROPERTY OWNERS

Individuals and married couples are limited to one homestead standard deduction. As the receipt of this deduction becomes more beneficial, there is more incentive than ever for homestead fraud. Homestead fraud causes higher tax bills for all; therefore, HEA 1344-2009 requires taxpayers who receive the homestead standard deduction to verify that they are eligible to receive the benefit and to provide additional identifying information necessary to allow county government to better monitor homestead filings. This information will be kept confidential and can only be accessed by authorized county officials. The Department of Local Government Finance will use this information to create tools that will help county officials eliminate homestead fraud.

PART 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address (number and street, city, state and ZIP code)

State Parcel Number

PART 2: TAXPAYER INFORMATION

Owner 1 / First

Middle

Last

Mailing Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)

☐ Same as property address

Social Security Number (last 5 digits not incl dash)

Driver's License/State ID Number (last 5 digits not incl dash)

Other (please specify in Part 4 below)

State

Spouse / First

Middle

Last

Mailing Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)

☐ Same as property address

Social Security Number (last 5 digits not incl dash)

Driver's License/State ID Number (last 5 digits not incl dash)

Other (please specify in Part 4 below)

State

PART 3: CERTIFICATION

Each undersigned certifies, under penalty of perjury, that the above and foregoing information is true and correct and that he or she is eligible to receive the homestead standard deduction on this property. Each undersigned also understands that, by claiming additional homestead deductions unlawfully, he or she may be liable for back taxes and substantial financial penalties.

Owner 1 Signature

Date

Telephone

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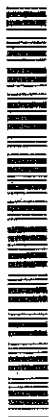
Spouse Signature

Date

Telephone

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PART 4: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Under HEA 1344 2009, all homeowners who receive the homestead standard deduction are required to submit this form in order to verify their eligibility and to continue to receive benefits.
2. Those receiving the benefit of the deduction must list the last 5 digits of both their Social Security number and driver's license or state identification number. If the individual has no Social Security number, he or she may list only the last 5 digits of their driver's license or state identification number. If the individual has no driver's license or identification number, the last five digits of any federally-recognized identification number, such as a United States Permanent Resident ("A") Number, may be used.
3. Names should be listed as they appear in the records of the Social Security Administration, or as the legal name used when signing documents.
4. Under the law, married couples must submit the name and Social Security number (or other identifying number) and Driver's License or State Identification number of both spouses in order to continue to receive the homestead standard deduction. Married couples, regardless of whether they maintain a residence together, are only eligible for one homestead deduction in the State of Indiana.
5. If you do not have either a Social Security number, driver's license number or state identification number, or U.S. Permanent Resident ("A") number, please provide an explanation in Part 4, "Additional Information". **If you do not have one of these documents, please contact your county auditor to ensure that you are able to keep your benefits if you are eligible.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If a taxpayer becomes ineligible to receive a homestead deduction on a property for any reason, he or she must file a certified statement with the county auditor no later than 60 days after the date of that change. Failure to file this statement will result in the imposition of any additional taxes that would have been due on the property if the individual had filed the statement as required under the law, plus a civil penalty equal to 10% of the additional taxes due. This penalty is in addition to any interest or penalties for a delinquent payment that might be due.

If you have filled out this form in a prior year, you may be receiving it again because it was missing information.

Some things to keep in mind while filing this form are:

PART 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION

- Put the property address of the home, not the mailing address
- State Parcel Number on the pink form and Parcel Number on the tax statement are the same number and should be formatted as follows: 43-xx-xx-xxx-xxxxxx-xxx

PART 2: TAXPAYER INFORMATION

- Last 5 digits of social security number are **REQUIRED** and should be formatted as follows:
X-XXXX
- The State where your driver's license is issued is **REQUIRED**
- Last 5 digits of driver's license number are **REQUIRED**. Driver's license number should be formatted as follows: x-xxxx
- If you do not have a driver's license, a State issued ID or passport is acceptable. Please note in part 4 the type of identification used if other than a driver's license.

PART 3: CERTIFICATION

- All owners must sign, date and provide a phone number.

PART 4: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Use this section for any specific information. Example: Recently married but not changed title on property, spouse deceased, other identification numbers used in part 2.

Forms can be mailed in with your tax payments, mailed directly to the Auditor at the address below, or faxed to (574) 372-2469.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Kosciusko County Auditor
100 W Center St, Rm 220
Warsaw, IN 46580

If you have any questions, please contact the Auditor's office at (574) 372-2323.