



# TAX & TAG TIPS

MARCH 2022

## Tax-Saving Tip: Apply for a Homestead Exemption by April 1

A homestead exemption is the best way to reduce your property taxes. It's a simple process and I urge you to apply now to find out if you qualify.

In order to reduce your tax bill this year, you must as of Jan. 1 own and occupy a home in Gwinnett County as your primary residence and you must apply by April 1.

Applications are accepted all year, so if you moved in after Jan. 1, go ahead and apply now and if approved, it will reduce your 2023 tax bill.

Before you apply, make sure your Gwinnett County home address is on your driver's license, voter registration and vehicle registrations. If not, change your address before you apply. This helps us approve your application faster!

It's quick and easy to apply online at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/apply](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/apply). If you need assistance, call (770) 822-8800 or email [tax@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tax@gwinnettcountry.com). In-person assistance is available during normal business hours at the Property Tax office located inside the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center at 75 Langley Dr., Lawrenceville.

If your exemption requires supporting documentation, provide it when you apply. Applications may be denied if required documentation is not provided timely.

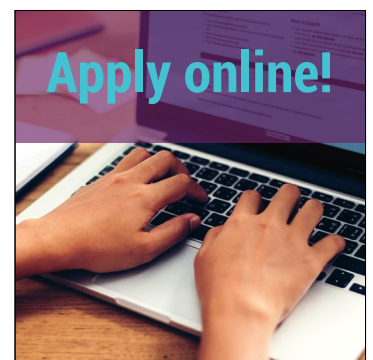
If you apply online, here's what happens next:

1. Watch for an email within 24 hours that confirms your homestead application has been received; contact us if you do not receive the email.
2. Within six weeks of applying, you should receive an email of approval or denial.

Remember, if you need assistance, my staff is here to help.



**Tiffany P. Porter, Esq.**  
Tax Commissioner



*Best regards,*



# WHY WAIT? SET AN APPOINTMENT

Gwinnett residents no longer need to wait in line when they visit an office. To schedule an appointment, go to [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Appointments](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Appointments), find your desired office location, click "Make an Appointment," select your service, then the date and time that suits you.

Complete the contact form and the system will send a text message to confirm the appointment as well as a link to cancel if needed.

Appointments are available up to two weeks in advance.

Residents are encouraged to reserve in-person visits for title work, tax liens and other complex transactions. Simple tag renewals or tax payments are easily completed online or by mail to skip an office visit.



## SAVE GAS! DO MORE THAN EVER ONLINE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

With all of the e-services available online for motor vehicles, you can do everything except title work from the comfort of any Internet-connected device. Here are the most popular ways people are helping themselves at [eservices.drives.ga.gov](http://eservices.drives.ga.gov)

- 1. Duplicate Registration** – receive by email, print.
- 2. Cancel Registration** – find your vehicle, submit, done.
- 3. Renew Tags** – receive decal within five days; convenience fee applies.
- 4. Pay Insurance Fines** – identify your vehicle and yourself, pay.
- 5. Prestige License Plate Inquiry** – discover what's available.

## We're Here to Help!

Customer Service Agents available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

Property Tax: [tax@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tax@gwinnettcountry.com) • 770-822-8800  
Motor Vehicles: [tag@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:tag@gwinnettcountry.com) • 770-822-8818  
Chat with us at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com).



### Tag Office Hours • All Locations

MON • TUE • THU • FRI	WED	SAT
8:30 - 5:30	8:30 - 6:00	Closed

Make an appointment or check tag office wait times in advance at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com).