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Harris County Officials Urge Homeowners to Claim Thousands in Property Tax Savings Before April 30 Deadline

Tax Office's Expanded Tools, Free Workshops, and New HCAD "Exemption Wizard" Help Homeowners Reduce Property Tax Burden

Houston, TX – With the April 30 deadline approaching, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Annette Ramirez, alongside Harris Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Adam Bogard, today urged homeowners to act now to secure property tax exemptions that can deliver significant financial savings.

The announcement reflects a broader effort led by Ramirez to make the property tax system more accessible, transparent, and responsive to the financial needs of Harris County families—ensuring homeowners have clear, practical pathways to lower their property tax costs.

Recent data underscores the impact of these exemptions:

- A homeowner with a \$250,000 property could reduce their tax liability from \$5,313 to \$3,020—or possibly eliminate their Harris County tax bill entirely for qualifying seniors or disabled residents
- A homeowner with a \$400,000 property could reduce their tax bill from \$8,500 to \$5,571—or as low as \$1,321 depending on eligibility

*“These exemptions are one of the most immediate and meaningful ways homeowners can reduce costs,” said **Annette Ramirez, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector**. “Our office is committed to making sure people not only know what’s available to them but have the tools and support to take action. No one should miss out on savings they’re entitled to.”*

As part of that effort, Harris County is expanding access to tools that simplify both applying for exemptions and managing tax payments. Beginning today, property owners with a certified 2025 account* can apply online for a Delinquent Payment Plan and, once approved, enroll in recurring monthly payments directly through MyHarrisCountyTax.com. This new feature allows users to select their preferred payment date and receive timely notifications, helping them stay on track and avoid missed payments.

Property owners may also now apply for a Prepayment Plan on MyHarrisCountyTax.com, which enables homeowners to make smaller monthly contributions toward their 2026 property tax bill in advance. This option is designed to ease financial planning by spreading out payments over time.



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In partnership with the Harris Central Appraisal District, officials are also making it easier for homeowners to identify and apply for exemptions. Chief Appraiser Adam Bogard announced the launch of HCAD's new **Exemption Wizard**, a user-friendly online tool that helps homeowners determine eligibility and connect directly to application forms. By answering a few simple questions, users can receive personalized guidance and ensure they don't miss out on valuable savings opportunities. The online feature also provides a link to the application form for those exemptions.

"Applying for a homestead exemption is one of the simplest ways for homeowners to lower their property tax bills, and our new Exemption Wizard makes it even easier," said Bogard. "This user-friendly online feature is designed to identify exemptions so residents can quickly apply to access the tax savings they qualify for."

Harris County homeowners can visit hcad.org to access the Exemption Wizard to apply for property tax exemptions before the April 30th deadline.

To ensure all residents have access to information and support, the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and HCAD are hosting free property tax workshops throughout April—no registration required.

Workshops will help homeowners:

- Understand how property taxes are calculated
- Learn how to protest property values
- Apply for exemptions step-by-step

Upcoming locations include:

- Alexander Deussen Park Seniors Center (April 10)
- Judy Cook Bldg., University of Houston, Rm 105 (April 14)
- Atascocita Branch Library (April 16)
- Cavalcade Community Center (April 22)
- Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center (April 25)
- Barbara Bush Library (April 29)

With affordability a top concern for many Harris County residents, officials emphasized that applying for exemptions is free, straightforward, and time sensitive.

Homeowners are encouraged to act before the **April 30, 2026, deadline:**

- Visit **hcad.org** to apply for exemptions
- Visit **MyHarrisCountyTax.com** to explore payment options and to or to apply for a Delinquent Payment Plan or a Prepayment Plan.
- Visit **hctax.net** for workshop information
- Information is also available at <https://linktr.ee/hctaxoffice>.



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** A certified 2025 property tax account is when a property's value has been approved by HCAD's Appraisal Review Board in 2025 and has been sent to the Harris County Tax Office.*

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About the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office

The Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, led by Annette Ramirez, is responsible for collecting and distributing property taxes for more than 80 local taxing entities and maintaining nearly 1.8 million tax accounts—collecting \$9.3 billion in property tax revenue and touching nearly every resident in Harris County. A seasoned property tax attorney with more than 20 years of experience working on behalf of government entities, Assessor Ramirez is committed to advancing fairness, accuracy, and efficiency in the County tax system. As Tax Assessor-Collector, Ramirez has focused on modernizing the office, expanding access to information, and ensuring taxpayers have the tools and resources they need to navigate the system and reduce their financial burden. Through community outreach, free educational workshops, and digital tools like [MyHarrisCountyTax.com](https://www.mychriscountytax.com), the office is working to make property tax services more transparent, accessible, and responsive to the needs of Harris County residents. For more information, please visit <https://www.hctax.net/>.

About HCAD

The Harris Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.9 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$938 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving more than 600 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.