

Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption

What is a Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption?

The Senior Property Tax Exemption is a constitutional amendment providing for a tax exemption to qualifying senior citizens and/or surviving spouses of seniors who previously qualified. This exemption exempts 50 percent of a portion of the appraised actual value of the property from taxes. The portion this applies to can be changed each year by the State Legislature (not Jefferson County) and can vary from zero to any amount the Legislature selects. Under no circumstance will an exemption be allowed for any property taxes assessed prior to the year in which the qualified individual first files an exemption application.

For example, in the 2014 property-tax year (taxes payable in 2015), 50 percent of the first \$200,000 of actual value was exempt from property taxes.

In most cases if you already applied for this exemption in a prior year and were approved, you do not need to apply again. Please contact the Assessor's office if the ownership or occupancy has changed.

Who is eligible?

If you answer "YES" to the following, then you may be eligible for the Senior Property Tax Exemption:

- You are 65 years or older as of January 1 of the year for which you are seeking exemption.
- You are the current owner and occupant of record, and you have owned and occupied the property as your primary home for at least the 10 consecutive years prior to January 1 of the tax year for which you are seeking the exemption.

Need more info?

For further information or for a printed application, contact the Assessor's Office, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Phone: 303-271-8629 Email: assessor@jeffco.us

Visit or Mail:

100 Jefferson County Parkway

Suite 2500

Administration and Courts Facility

Golden, CO 80419

If you are a senior citizen, you may be able to lower your property taxes in Jefferson County!

How do I apply?

You only have to apply once. Generally, the exemption automatically carries over from year to year.

- Most people can use the Short Form. In some limited instances, you may be required to fill out the Long Form application.
- You may download the application(s) from this website: <http://jeffco.us/assessor/property-taxes/senior-property-tax-exemption/>.

Ageing Well in Jefferson County began its work in the fall 2008 with the gathering of community experts in the field of aging. Six workgroups developed focusing on Basic Needs, Caregiving and Supportive Services, Health, Mental Health, Wellness and Prevention, Housing, Social and Civic Engagement and Transportation. These six workgroups meet monthly to address topics as they relate to getting older.

The application deadline is July 15 of the year for which the exemption is requested. Some exceptions may apply.