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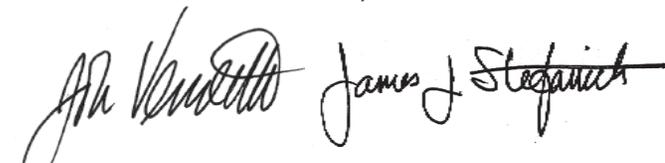
Dear Resident,

We, in Oyster Bay Town government, want to make certain that all of our senior citizens take advantage of the exemption from real property taxes that may be available to them. This brochure explains the requirements for eligibility for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption offered under New York State law.

Please take a few moments to read the material in this brochure. We believe it will answer questions you may have related to the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption.

If you have additional questions, please call the office of the Receiver of Taxes at 624-6400.

Sincerely,



**JOHN VENDITTO** **JAMES J. STEFANICH**  
Town Supervisor Receiver of Taxes

- ✓ Divorce or legal separation papers, if applicable
- ✓ Death certificate of deceased spouse, if applicable

It is advisable, but not mandatory, to file your first application in person. After your eligibility has been established, renewal applications will automatically be mailed to you and renewed by mail.

### When To File

Applications are accepted throughout the year and must be filed by January 2 to be applied to the following tax roll year.

Residents of incorporated villages and cities which have adopted this exemption must file with the city or village, as well as with Nassau County, in order to receive full benefits. Contact your local village or city assessor for more information.

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# Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption



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## What Is The Senior Citizen Tax Reduction Program?

The Senior Citizen Tax Reduction Program allows persons over the age of 65, who fulfill certain criteria, to receive up to 50% reduction on the taxable values of countywide, Town-wide and certain school districts' real property tax values. The amount of actual reduction varies, dependent upon whether the taxing jurisdiction agencies in which the property is located offer reductions.

School districts and incorporated villages must act independently to implement the law. The Town does not possess the power to act for them. The exemption does not apply to special district levies or assessments such as those imposed by water, sewer, lighting or fire districts.

## Exemptions Are Applied On A Sliding Scale

The Town of Oyster Bay has adopted the option of granting exemptions on a sliding scale from 50% down to 5% for those senior citizens who are eligible.

The sliding scale is applied as follows:

INCOME	PERCENT OF EXEMPTION
Less than \$29,000 .....	50%
At least \$29,001, but less than \$30,000 .....	45%
At least \$30,000, but less than \$31,000 .....	40%
At least \$31,000, but less than \$32,000 .....	35%
At least \$32,000, but less than \$32,900 .....	30%
At least \$32,900, but less than \$33,800 .....	25%
At least \$33,800, but less than \$34,700 .....	20%
At least \$34,700, but less than \$35,600 .....	15%
At least \$35,600, but less than \$36,500 .....	10%
At least \$36,500, but less than \$37,400 .....	5%

## Who Is Eligible?

Seniors 65 years of age or older and the sole owner (or owners) of a property are eligible for a real property tax exemption. If husband and wife, or siblings, own the property, only one of them must be 65 years of age.

The property in question must be used exclusively for residential purposes by all owners and must be the applicant's legal residence. The applicant must have owned the residence at least one year prior to the application date. Ownership of a previous residence in New York State may be included in the one-year ownership requirement.

If a child resides on the property and is attending public school in the local school district, the application cannot be granted for school taxes. However, it can still be allowed for the general tax levy alone.

## How To Apply

Request an application from the Nassau County Department of Assessment, Senior Citizens Division, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501, or call (516) 571-1500.

Include with your application:

- ✓ Proof of age
- ✓ Copy of deed to house
- ✓ Social Security statements
- ✓ Federal and State income tax

returns of all owners and their spouses for the previous year, if filed

✓ If taxes not filed, include verification of income

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