

# 2010 Homestead Exemptions & Agricultural Classifications Are **AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED**

**DO NOT** return your renewal card  
if you still qualify for the  
Exemption or Classification

## **If the information on the Renewal Card is not accurate?**

Contact the property appraiser's office and provide necessary information to have records corrected.

## **What is Homestead Fraud?**

If an owner allows an automatic renewal to occur and does not legally qualify for the exemption, there are severe penalties and a tax lien can be imposed on the property any year or years within the prior 10 years a person illegally received the homestead exemption benefit. Penalties include taxes exempted, plus a penalty of 50% of the unpaid taxes for each year and 15% interest per annum.

## **If I moved or purchased property in 2009, can I still automatically renew?**

No. If a change in ownership was made in 2009, exemptions or agricultural classifications do not transfer with a sale. New owners are required to file a new application in 2010 on or before March 1st.

## **How do I apply for Homestead or other Exemptions?**

Owners need two forms of Florida identification (driver's license, voter registration card, vehicle tag numbers) and the Social Security numbers of all applicants.

## **How do I apply for Agricultural Classification?**

Owners need to complete the application and provide necessary supplemental information showing bona fide commercial agricultural activity on the property as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

You may complete Homestead and Agricultural applications by visiting the Property Appraiser's Office at 480 W. Walnut Street (behind the old historic High School on West 90).  
Between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday.  
All applications are due by March 1, 2010.

For further information call **997-3356**  
or visit [jeffersonpa.net](http://jeffersonpa.net).



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