



FREE CHECKLIST • ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FILING CHECKLIST

DO YOU QUALIFY? (AS OF JANUARY 1)

- ☐ You hold legal or beneficial title, recorded in St. Lucie County's Official Records.
- ☐ You make the home your permanent residence in good faith.
- ☐ You are a permanent Florida resident.
- ☐ You are a U.S. citizen or hold a Permanent Resident (green) card. Some exceptions apply; ask the Property Appraiser.

WHAT TO HAVE READY (FOR EACH APPLICANT)

- ☐ Florida driver's license.
- ☐ Social Security number for you and your spouse.
- ☐ Permanent Resident card, if not a U.S. citizen.
- ☐ A copy of the entire trust, if the home is titled in a trust.
- ☐ Dates: when you became a permanent Florida resident, when you moved in, and your date of birth.
- ☐ Any exemptions you filed last year, and the address on your last income tax return.
- ☐ Proof of residency dated before January 1.

FILE

- ☐ Deadline: March 1 of the tax year. Pre-filing is accepted during the year.
- ☐ File online, or in person at the Property Appraiser's Fort Pierce office (2300 Virginia Ave) or Saint Lucie West office (250 NW Country Club Dr, Port St. Lucie).
- ☐ Property Appraiser phone: 772-462-1000 • paslc.gov.

KEEP IT

- ☐ A title change, such as moving the home into a trust or adding a spouse, requires a new application.
- ☐ Homestead is not transferable. If you buy a new home, reapply.
- ☐ Rentals: if the home is rented on January 1, you lose homestead for that year. Check the rental rules before renting it out.
- ☐ Tell the Property Appraiser if the home no longer qualifies.

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