

Homestead Classification

Having a homestead classification may qualify your property for a Homestead Market Value Exclusion or one of the following:

- [Property Tax Refund](#)
- [Market Value Exclusion for Veterans with a Disability](#)
- [Special Homestead Classification for Property Owners who are Blind or Disabled](#)
- [Property Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens](#)

You may only have one homestead per married couple in the state of Minnesota. Homesteads are administered by counties.

Qualifications

To qualify for a homestead, you must:

- Own a property
- Occupy the property as your sole or primary residence
- Be a Minnesota resident

Qualifying property includes all property used as a residence, including:

- Gardens
- Garages
- Outbuildings

How to Apply

Apply to your county assessor by **December 31** to qualify for taxes payable the next year. You must provide the Social Security Number for:

- All owners who occupy the property
- The spouse of each owner, even if they do not live at the location

Once granted homestead classification, you do not need to reapply. The county assessor may at any time ask you to submit an additional application or provide other documentation to verify that you continue to meet the requirements for homestead classification.

Special Situations

Moving From or Selling the Property

You must notify the assessor within 30 days if you move, sell your property, your marital status changes, or occupancy of your spouse changes.

If you fail to notify the assessor within 30 days, the property may be subject to a penalty.

Relative Homestead

Some relatives may qualify for homestead classification.

Qualifying relatives for both residential and occupied agricultural homestead include: parents, grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews of the owner or of the spouse of the owner.

For unoccupied agricultural homestead qualifications, see [Special Agricultural Homestead](#).

Submit relative homestead applications to the county assessor in the county where the property is located.

Relative homesteads do not qualify for a property tax refund.

Property Held Under Trust

Property held under a trust may also qualify for homestead if occupied by a grantor or qualifying relative of the grantor of the trust. For more information, contact your country assessor.

Questions?

Contact the Pope County Assessor’s Office at 320-634-7715



This fact sheet is intended to help you become more familiar with Minnesota tax laws and your rights and responsibilities under the laws. Nothing in this fact sheet supersedes, alters, or otherwise changes any provisions of the tax law, administrative rules, court decisions, or revenue notices.

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