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MARCH 1st IS THE DEADLINE FOR 2018 EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

The 2018 deadline is just weeks away for filing of homestead and other exemptions and classifications. Applications may either be **hand delivered** or **mailed and postmarked no later than Thursday, March 1st**. For eligibility, a complete application with all supporting documentation is required. This deadline applies to:

- Homestead Exemption
- Widow/Widower Exemption
- All Veterans Disability Exemptions
- Deployed Military Exemption for duty in specified active war zones during 2014
- First Responders
- Eligible Citizens Physical Disability Exemptions
- Portability Applications
- Agricultural or Conservation Classification
- Conservation in Perpetuity Exemption
- Institutional, Education, Affordable Housing, Religious or Charitable Exemptions

Property owners with an existing exemption or classification should have received their annual renewal postcard during January 2018. If no changes have occurred to the property exemption status (i.e. changes of ownership, mailing address, marital status, etc.), renewal is automatic. **A new application is required if you purchased a new home and vacated your homestead property, or made any changes in the title to your home.** You may contact our office if you are unsure of your homestead status.

Filings after March 1st, 2018 are late and will be considered for the 2019 tax roll. For good cause and upon request, late filings may be eligible for consideration at the discretion of the Property Appraiser. The Property Appraiser's website www.citruspa.org provides explanations of eligibility and what documentation is required to file the applications. The customer service staff is always available to answer questions in both offices. In Inverness please call (352) 341-6600 (Courthouse Annex Building), in Crystal River please call (352) 564-7130 (West Citrus Center). Applications may be mailed to either location.