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The Citrus County Property Appraiser announces Online homestead exemption filing is now available for 2020 applications.

The Citrus County Property Appraiser's office now offers property owners the convenience of using our online homestead filing system (e-file) to file for new homestead exemptions, in addition to the options of filing by mail or in person, at one of our two locations. We had 450 online applications filed and processed for the 2019 tax year using this new option.

Those who own and moved into a new home in Citrus County **after** January 1, 2019, may **now** file for a 2020 homestead exemption using the online Homestead e-file process.

To file online our office must reflect the property ownership in your name. If you have recently closed on your property please allow our office 30 days from your closing date to process the deed and ownership change. To be eligible for homestead exemption, you must be a permanent resident of Florida who owns and occupies real property as of January 1 of the year in which you are applying.

If you established a new homestead and had a previous homestead exemption on another home in Florida, you may be eligible for Portability– the transfer of some or all of your old homestead's "Save Our Homes" benefit, which is the difference between your market and assessed values due to the annual cap on increases.

To apply online go to our website at www.citruspa.org and select the Homestead e-file link under exemptions at the top of the home page. Review the instructions there and follow the steps for completing the online filing process.

When filing online, some special circumstances may require that additional documentation be supplied to our office. In these cases, users will be notified via email of any additional documentation that may be required.

The deadline for filing for a 2020 Homestead exemption is March 2, 2020.

Our 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 at the address listed on our website.