

Don't forget to file your homestead declaration! Everyone who owns and lives in their primary residence in Berlin must file a homestead declaration before April 15 of each year in order to pay the residential school tax rate. Filing your homestead declaration late will result in a penalty.

You must file the homestead declaration even if you do not have to file Vermont income tax.

You must file a homestead in order to apply for an income sensitivity payment for school property taxes.

You must file the homestead declaration on time even if you get an extension for your Vermont income tax filing.

If your property crosses town boundaries and your homestead is in 2 towns, you must file a homestead declaration for both towns.

You can file the homestead declaration with a paper form or online on the VT.gov website. You will need last year's property tax bill. On the bill you will find your Span number, which is a specific identifying number for your property, as well as the housesite information that you will be asked for.

We would be glad to help anyone file their homestead declaration, either on the paper form or online. It really is very simple and takes only a couple of minutes.

We are glad to come and re-inspect any property at any time. We want to be sure that the information we have is correct and that the value placed on the property is appropriate. If you wait to ask until you receive your tax bill, it is too late and you must wait until the following year for any changes to take effect.

As always, we are available to answer questions about your value at any time during the year. You do not have to wait until Grievances. If you have any questions or would like us to take a new look at your property, please let us know. Tom & Sandy are in the office on Wednesdays. We can be reached at 229-4880. If you need to leave a message, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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