

Homestead or “SAFE SENIOR”

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WILL BE FILING A FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX RETURN FOR 2021 YOUR TAX PREPARER MUST ALSO FILE YOUR HOMESTEAD.

The Homestead Refund is a rebate program for the property taxes paid by homeowners. The refund is based on a portion of the property tax paid on a Kansas resident’s homestead. If you own your home, the refund is a percentage of your general property tax. The maximum refund is \$700. To qualify for Safe Senior, be a resident all 2021 in Kansas, you are eligible for a refund of 75% of your property taxes if your total household income including social security is \$20,900 or less and you are 65 years old or older, and don’t have any delinquent taxes.

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX REFUND:

As a Kansas resident for all of 2021 who **owned and occupied** a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of up to \$700 if your total “**household** income” is \$36,600 or less, **AND** you:

- ✓ You were born before January 1, 1966; **OR**
- ✓ You must have been totally and permanently disabled or blind the entire year of 2021, regardless of your age; **OR**
- ✓ You must have a dependent child who lived with you the entire year who was born before January 1, 2021 and was under the age of 18 all of 2021. **OR**
- ✓ Are a disabled veteran (50% or more disability), or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who has not remarried, or the surviving spouse of an active duty military personnel who died in the line of duty and not remarried.

“SAFE SENIOR” PROPERTY TAX REFUND:

As a Kansas resident for all of 2021 who **owned and occupied** a homestead, you are eligible for a refund of 75% of your property taxes paid if your total “**household** income”, including social security, is \$20,900 or less, **AND** you:

- ✓ Were 65 years or older all of 2021; **AND**
- ✓ Did not have any delinquent property taxes in 2021
- ✓ House cannot be valued at more than \$350,000

WHAT DO I NEED TO FILE?

- ✓ Refund amount from your 2021 claim.
- ✓ Banking information if you would like to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account.
- ✓ All information regarding any **HOUSEHOLD INCOME** (that is, for **every** person who lived in the home even if they file separate taxes.)

Some examples are:

- Taxable and nontaxable wages, salaries, self-employment, unemployment compensation
- Interest and dividends
- Earned income credit from 2021
- Social Security, SSI benefits, retirement, pension, disability payments
- Alimony, child support, foster home care payments
- Jury duty payments, gambling winnings
- Welfare, food stamps, TAF, general assistance

If you qualify under the disability provision you will need to know:

- ✓ The date (**day, month and year**) in which you first became eligible for disability. You may obtain this information from the Social Security office.
- ✓ All household members’ personal information, including name, date of birth, and social security number.

Note: You may claim either a Safe Senior Property Tax refund or a Homestead refund **(not both)**.

If you need help filing your Homestead:

Our hours for Homestead are Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

When to file January 11 through April 15

For more information, please call the County Clerk's Office 785-457-3314

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