

## Assessor's Office

- **Current Equalization Rate:** 43%
- **Taxable Status Date:** March 1
- **Tentative Assessment Roll:** May 1
- **Grievance Day:** First Tuesday of June every year. **Grievance Form:** [Form RP-524:3/09:Complaint on Real Property Assessment Before the Board of Assessment Review:rp524](#) Video on how to contest your assessment: [\(2\) Contesting Your Property Assessment - YouTube](#)
- **Final Assessment Roll:** July 1

### **Property Tax Exemptions: March 1<sup>st</sup> is the Deadline for all Applications.**

**\*Please contact the Assessor's Office before submitting an application for additional details.**

#### **1. Veterans:**

- a. Application Form: [rp458a fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

#### **2. Senior Low- Income:**

If you are 65 or older and your annual income is **under \$37,400** you may be eligible. Please contact the Assessment Office for additional details. Seniors are required to **file for the Enhanced STAR Exemption and Senior Citizen Exemption separately.**

- a. Initial Application Form: [rp467 fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)
- b. Renewal form: [rp467rnw fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

#### **3. Agricultural:**

If you are farming or renting farmland that is 7 acres or more and generates \$10,000 a year or more in farming income.

- a. Initial Application: [rp305f fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)
- b. Renewal Form: [rp305r fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

#### **4. Clergy and Nonprofit:**

Please contact the Assessor's office for appropriate application forms.

#### **5. STAR (School Tax Relief program):** [STAR resource center \(ny.gov\)](#)

**For New Homeowners: Basic and Enhanced STAR Exemption:** Register online at [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov). or contact NYS directly at 518-457-2036 weekdays, 8:30am -4:30pm for the STAR Credit.

**If you had the Basic STAR exemption before 2016 and will turn 65 before December 31, 2026 you can apply for the Enhanced STAR exemption with the Assessment Office. The income limit is less than or equal to \$107,300.**

Enhanced STAR Application Form: [rp425e fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

STAR Income Verification Program Application Form: [rp425ivp fill in.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

**Your application will be denied if you do not submit BOTH forms above.**

## 6. Homeowner Benefit Portal:

In May 2024, New York State launched the **Homeowner Benefit Portal**, a new resource to assist homeowners with property tax credits and exemptions. To access the portal, visit the Real Property Tax section of the official website at [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/homeowner-benefit-portal.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/homeowner-benefit-portal.htm). If you already have a Tax Department Individual Online Service account, you can log in directly. For those without an account, simply create one to get started.

This easy-to-use online platform allows you to manage important aspects of your STAR (School Tax Relief) credit and more. Key features of the portal include:

- **Register for the STAR Credit:** Easily apply for the STAR credit, which offers property tax savings to eligible homeowners.
- **Enroll in Direct Deposit:** Set up direct deposit for your STAR Credit check, speeding up the delivery of your savings. Please note that direct deposit enrollment is not available over the phone.
- **Check Property Tax Registration Status:** View and manage the status of your property tax registration.
- **Switch from STAR Exemption to STAR Credit:** If you are currently receiving the STAR exemption, you can switch to the STAR credit for more flexible benefits.
- **Provide Household Income Information:** Ensure your eligibility is properly determined by submitting necessary income details.

## 7. Protect Yourself from Deed Theft:

Deed theft, also known as property fraud, occurs when someone illegally transfers your property into their name. To safeguard against this, the Saratoga County Clerk's Office offers a free Property Fraud Alert service. By signing up, you'll receive email notifications whenever a document is recorded under your name, allowing you to act promptly if something appears suspicious.

Stay informed. Stay protected.

Sign up today by visiting:

<http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/county-clerk/>

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Hours: Friday 9am-4pm