Lackawanna County Taxpayer Relief

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Pennsylvania Property Tax or Rent Rebate Program

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- The Property Tax or Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older.
- The maximum income eligibility level for the Property Tax or Rent Rebate program is $35,000 a year, excluding half of Social Security income, and the maximum rebate for homeowners is $650.
- Property Tax or Rent Rebate application forms and assistance are available at no cost from Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislator's offices.
- The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2010 has been extended to December 31, 2011.
- For additional assistance, contact the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging Intake Unit at 570-963-6740 or go to www.revenue.state.pa.us.

Pennsylvania Homestead Tax Relief

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- The Homestead Act reduces the property taxes for property owners on their primary residences in participating school districts.
- The reduction is taken on school district property tax bills and varies each year.
- Property owners that have already applied and been accepted do not need to reapply.
- Property owners can tell if they are receiving the relief by looking at their school district property tax bills, which will show a reduction in the tax amount.
- Property owners that are unsure of their status can contact the Lackawanna County Assessor's Office at 570-963-6728.
- School districts will mail forms in late November/early December to property owners that are not currently participating in the program.
- If you are not signed up and do not receive a form from the school district, forms will be available at the Lackawanna County Gateway Center, 135 Jefferson Ave., Scranton or online at www.lackawannacounty.org in early January.
- Using the form mailed by the school district is preferable because it will include various codes that otherwise will have to be entered manually.
- The application deadline is March 1.

Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption Program

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- The purpose of the program is to provide real estate tax exemption for honorably discharged veterans who are 100 percent disabled, a resident of Pennsylvania and have a financial need.
- Veterans must have served during established war service dates as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Veterans must have a total or 100 percent permanent service-connected disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or as the result of military service the veteran is blind or paraplegic or has sustained the loss of two or more limbs.
- Veterans must occupy the real estate as his/her primary dwelling and the dwelling must be owned solely by the veteran or as an estate in the entirety.
- Veterans must prove financial need according to the criteria established by the State Veterans Commission if their annual income exceeds $81,340.
- To apply, contact the Lackawanna County Veteran's Affairs Department at 570-963-6778 ext. 1895.
- For additional information, go to www.dmva.state.pa.us.

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- The Lackawanna County Commissioners are working with the city of Scranton and the Scranton School District on a possible extension of the current dates of the Real Estate Tax Discount Periods.
- Currently, February 28 is the payment deadline to receive a 2.5 percent Real Estate Discount.
- Currently, April 30 is the payment deadline to receive a 2 percent Real Estate Discount.
- Real estate taxes are due on June 30.
- Installment payments may be made for city of Scranton and Scranton School District real estate taxes only.
- Installment payment due dates for city of Scranton and Scranton School District real estate taxes are the last working days of March, June, August and October
- For additional information, contact the Scranton Single Tax Office at 570-963-6756 or go to www.scrantontaxoffice.org.