

ATTENTION TAXPAYERS!

Tax bills will soon be reaching your mailbox. You will notice an extra pink paper included with your bill. This is a **HOMESTEAD VERIFICATION FORM** that must be completed by every individual or married couple claiming the deduction.

A fact sheet and the most frequent asked questions on the form is available at the State website – <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/8455.htm>

This form can also be completed on the internet and sent to elkhartcountyauditor@elkhartcounty.com electronically, using your e-mail. You may access this form online at <http://www.indiana-homestead.com>. The website also allows you to print this form.

Common Questions:

1.)If I do not supply this information to the County will I lose my homestead deduction? **The County Auditor may terminate the deduction for 2012 pay 2013 if an individual does not verify the deduction before January 1, 2013**

2.)I don't have a social security number what should I do? **If you do not have one of the following SS#, driver's license #, state identification # or US Permanent**

Resident("A") number please provide an explanation in Part 4

3.)I am separated but not divorced from my spouse; does this mean I cannot file on my residence? **Married couples, regardless of whether they maintain a residence together, are only eligible for one homestead deduction in the State of Indiana.**

4.)Does my spouse have to sign the certification form? **Yes**

5.)Where do I send the form once completed? **Send to: Elkhart County Auditor, Attention Homestead, 117 N Second Street Rm 203, Goshen, Indiana 46526**

If you still have additional questions concerning the verification form you may call the County Auditor's office between 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday at 535-6720 or 535-6710.