The STAR Program Changes: What you need to know

Are you a part of the STAR program?

- **Yes** → **Does your household make over $250,000?**
  - **Yes** → You are no longer eligible for the STAR exemption. You can apply to receive the annual STAR Personal Income Tax Credit check.
  - **No** → **Do you receive a direct reduction on your school tax bill?**
    - **Yes** → You are a part of the STAR exemption program → **Do you want more money?**
      - **Yes** → **Switch to the STAR credit program!** Here's what you can do: → **Was your tentative assessment roll filed?**
        - **Yes**: You must file Form RP-496, Application to Renounce Previously Granted Exemptions with your county director of real property taxes. It can be found at https://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/current_forms/orpts/rp496_fill_in.pdf
        - **No**: Withdraw your STAR exemption by delivering or sending your local tax assessor a signed, written note that includes your name and address. (You can simply write "I wish to renounce my STAR exemption benefit.")
      - **No** → Remain in the STAR exemption program
    - **No** → You do not need to take any action at this time
- **No**: New homeowners/ first-time STAR applicants should apply here: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm

Now you must register for the STAR credit.

Do you have internet?

- **Yes**: visit: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm to register for the STAR credit program. Make sure to print a copy of the confirmation page and note your confirmation number!
- **No**: Applications should be available at your local town hall, village hall or county building, or you can contact the state Department of Taxation and Finance's STAR hotline from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling (518) 457-2036.

For questions or concerns, contact your local tax assessor or Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh's district office at (518) 884-8010.