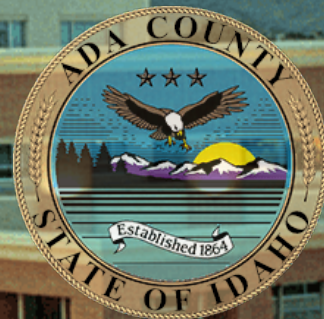


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### Property Tax Reduction & Deferral Programs for 2016

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## Apply for 2016 Property Tax Reduction/Deferral by April 18

(Boise, ID) - The Ada County Assessor's Office is now accepting applications for enrollment in the 2016 State of Idaho Property Tax Reduction and Property Tax Deferral programs. Residents are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible, but no later than the **Monday, April 18, 2016 deadline**.

#### PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION (CIRCUIT BREAKER) PROGRAM:

Through the Property Tax Reduction Program, qualified property owners can



reduce their annual property tax bill by up to \$1,320. The State of Idaho reimburses Ada County for the reduction in property taxes, up to the claimant's qualifying benefit amount, on their home and up to one acre of land. Eligibility for the Property Tax Reduction Program requires that a property owner be eligible for State of Idaho Homestead (Homeowner's) Exemption, and that they meet one or more of the following qualifications as of January 1, 2016:

- Age 65 or older
- Widow/Widower of any age
- Blind
- Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age
- Former prisoner of war/hostage
- Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board, Federal Civil Service or Public Employee Retirement System
- Veteran with a 10% or more service-connected disability or receiving a pension from Veteran's Affairs (VA) for non-service-connected disability

In addition to the qualifying requirements, applicants must have a 2015 net income of \$29,470 or less after deducting non-reimbursed medical expenses. *(Other deductions may include funeral expenses, business/farm losses, early banking withdrawal penalties and/or alimony paid. Applicants must provide documentation proving their wages and all sources of income.)*

The Ada County Assessor's Office recently mailed Property Tax Reduction applications to residents who qualified for the program last year. **Residents who would like to apply, or who requested an application but have not yet received it, should contact the Assessor's office at (208) 287-7200.**

#### **FREE Application Assistance IS AVAILABLE**

There is **no cost** to apply for the 2016 Property Tax Reduction Program, and residents should not work with someone who tries to charge an application fee. Residents who need one-on-one assistance to complete the application are encouraged to visit locations where Assessor's Office employees will be offering assistance free of charge. *Please see the schedule on the next page for dates and locations.*

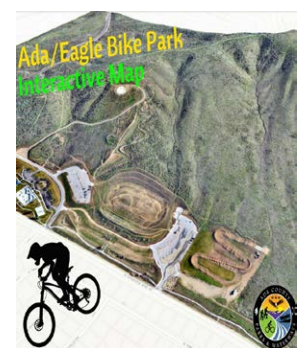
Residents can also receive assistance at the Ada County Assessor's Office, located at 190 E. Front Street, Suite 107, directly east of the Ada County Courthouse. Applications for this program must be submitted **by April 18, 2016.**



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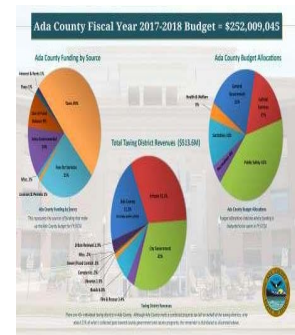
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## **2015 Property Tax Reduction Program (Circuit Breaker)**

### **Application Assistance Schedule:**



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**Boise Senior Center (345-9921)**

690 Robbins Road, Boise, ID 83702

Every Tuesday & Thursday: Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm

**Star Senior Center (286-7943)**

102 Main St., Star, ID 83669

March 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-12pm

**Meridian City Hall**

33 E. Broadway Ave. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 202,  
Meridian, ID 83642

Every Wednesday: Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

**Garden City Senior Center (336-8122)**

3835 Reed St., Garden City, ID 83714

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 9am-12pm

**Kuna Senior Center (922-9714)**

299 Avenue B, Kuna, ID 83634

March 7<sup>th</sup> / April 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00am-12:00pm

**Eagle Senior Center (938-0475)**

310 E State St. Eagle, ID 83616

March 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am -12:00pm

**PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM:**

The Property Tax Deferral Program offers residents a way to defer property taxes on their home and up to one acre of land. These deferred taxes must eventually be repaid to the State of Idaho, with 6% interest. To qualify, you must meet the eligibility requirements of the Property Tax Reduction (Circuit Breaker) Program, apply and have a 2015 income of \$43,503 or less. The deferred property taxes and interest must be repaid when:

- Any part of the property is sold or the title is transferred
- The qualified claimant, or the last qualified claimant dies
- The property no longer qualifies for the Homestead Exemption (meaning it's no longer the primary residence)
- The Idaho State Tax Commission determines that the property tax deferral was granted to an individual who isn't a qualified claimant, or granted for property that does not qualify

Residents interested in applying for the 2016 Property Tax Deferral Program must submit an application with notarized signatures **by April 18, 2016**.

**HOMESTEAD/HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION:**

The 2016 Homestead (Homeowner's) Exemption program exempts 50% of a property's value, up to a maximum of \$94,745 for the home and up to one acre of land. To qualify, applicants must apply to the Ada County Assessor,

indicating that the dwelling is owner-occupied prior to the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. There are no income or age restrictions to qualify for this program, however, the exemption can only be claimed on a primary residence.

Property owners can apply for the Homestead/Homeowner's Exemption online via the Ada County Assessor's website at <https://adacounty.id.gov/Assessor>, or by contacting the Assessor's Office at (208) 287-7200.

**For more information about each of these programs, call (208) 287-7200, or visit the Ada County Assessor's Office at 190 E. Front Street, Suite 107 - directly east of the Courthouse, on the ground floor of the Civic Plaza Apartment Complex.**

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