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CONSUMER ALERT

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Homeowners - regarding your basic STAR property tax exemption, you should have already received a letter from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance advising you that you must register with them in order to continue to receive your exemption.

This is EASY to do YOURSELF for FREE, online or by phone, and does not take much time. Follow the instructions in the letter you received from New York State. If you cannot find the letter or haven't received one, you can call 518-591-5232 or visit <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/index.htm> for information.

BEWARE! Some firms are offering to do this for you for a FEE. This fee is usually an amount equal to your tax savings.

SAVE YOUR MONEY! You do not need to pay anyone to register for your STAR exemption, no matter what they tell you.

Are you a NEW HOME OWNER filing for STAR for the first time? Don't be misled by firms offering to register for your exemption for you, for a fee. You do not need to hire anyone to file for you. Save your money and apply for the exemption yourself at the Nassau County Department of Assessment, located at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501.

For more information you can call 516-571-1500, or visit

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Assessor/index.html>