

For the first time, New Jersey will be providing property tax relief to homeowners through a tax credit on their property tax bill instead of direct rebate check. The Department of Treasury has begun to mail out the application packets and your eligible residents may have already received their application. The deadline for all homeowners to file their application is November 1, 2010.

Homeowners who meet the eligibility requirements will receive a partial credit for property taxes they paid in 2009 against their property tax bills for the second quarter of 2011. To be eligible for the program a person must be a New Jersey resident who owned a principal residence on October 1, 2009, and paid property taxes on that home and reported \$75,000 or less in New Jersey gross income in 2009, or if they are a senior or disabled citizen with 2009 gross income of \$150,000 or less.

For more information on the Homestead Benefit Program, homeowners may call the Division of Taxation's Homestead Benefit Hotline at **1-888-238-1233** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Homestead benefit information is also available on the Division's website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/2009homesteadinfo.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/2009homesteadinfo.shtml) and through its Automated Tax Information System at **1-800-323-4400**. Text telephone service for the hearing impaired is provided at **1-800-286-6613** or **609-984-7300**. Once they receive their applications, homeowners can file by phone by calling **1-877-658-2972**, or online at: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/)

The Homestead Benefit Program is different from the Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Program. A comparison of the eligibility requirements for these two programs can be found on the Division's website at: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/). **Applications for the Senior Freeze Program are also due by Nov. 1.**