

Mail Homestead Application to:

Town of New Milford
Assessor's Office
10 Main St.
New Milford, CT 06776

Hand deliver Homestead Application to:

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The Homestead Exemption

The New Milford Town Council recently enacted a "Homestead" property assessment exemption ordinance pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) §12-81oo.

The intent of the homestead exemption is to reduce the taxable value of your residential property. In January 2026 the New Milford Town Council established a 10% exemption applicable to the assessed value of your lot (up to 1 acre in size) and primary dwelling.

This exemption application is applicable to the October 1, 2026 Grand List with tax billing to occur on or about July 1, 2027.

You must be the owner of the property on or before October 1, 2026 and submit an application by December 31, 2026.

Per the Town of New Milford ordinance, failure to file for the homestead exemption on or before December 31st constitutes a waiver of the exemption for that year.

Qualifications:

On or before October 1, 2026 you must:

- Be a permanent resident of the State of Connecticut and Town of New Milford
- Own the property
- Make the property your permanent residence
- Have no other permanent, resident based property benefits in another state or Connecticut town (e.g. Florida Homestead, assessment exemption, tax abatement, New York STAR or Enhanced STAR).

How to Apply:

1. Visit the Assessor's Office to file in person with a completed application form
2. Complete the application form and mail it to the Assessor's Office

Renewal:

Once you qualify your homestead exemption will be renewed annually as long as you continue to qualify for the exemption.

- **Moving:**
If you move within New Milford, please note that the homestead exemption does not apply to your new residence. You must file a new application.

Change of Ownership

- If you change the ownership of the property (e.g. recording a deed that adds or removes a name to the property, placing the property in a trust or life estate) you must file a new application.

Instructions for Completing the Homestead Application

(Use additional form(s) for more than two applicants)

You must own and establish your permanent residence on the property on or before **October 1, 2026**.

- All owners applying must provide information in the applicant and co-applicant columns (if applicable) using additional forms as necessary.
- Provide your Connecticut driver's license number or, if you do not drive, a Connecticut identification card number.
- Provide the Connecticut motor vehicle plate number for the vehicle you primarily drive. Your DMV tax town must be New Milford.
- If married and both spouses own the property, but one **spouse is not filing** for homestead, the non-filing spouse must provide co-applicant information as follows:

Name

Phone number

Date of birth

Marital Status

Mailing address if not residing on property

Note: Upon review of your application you will receive a Notice of Assessment in February 2027 informing you of either the approval of your homestead application or denial.

If the Assessor determines that more information is needed to make a determination concerning your application, you will receive a form requesting specific information.

Direct questions concerning the Homestead Application to the Assessor's Office at:

Phone (860) 355-6070

Deadline to file: Thursday, December 31, 2026

APPLICATION FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Permanent New Milford residency required on or before **October 1, 2026**.

Deadline to File: Thursday, December 31, 2026.

Read and Complete pages 1 through 2

If more than two owners, please complete additional applications as necessary.

Town of New Milford	Grand List Year 2026	UNIQUE ID:
I am applying or reapplying for Homestead Exemption ☐ New or ☐ Change		
Property Information		
Homestead address	Mailing address, if different	
Is the property in a trust? ☐ Yes ☐ No <i>(If yes, you must complete a Trust Certificate to accompany this application)</i> Name of trust on the property deed:		
Deed Information <i>Please provide as much information as possible. Your Assessor will make the final determination.</i>		
	Applicant	Co-applicant
Name		
Phone number		
Email address		
Date of birth		
Date Homestead became your permanent address <i>(not built)</i>		
Name and address of any owners not residing on the property:		
Marital status of Applicant ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Other, Explain _____		
Marital status of Co-Applicant ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Other, Explain _____		
Co-Applicant relationship to Applicant <i>(circle one)</i> Spouse Parent Sibling Child Other _____		
Do you currently claim residency or homestead in another Connecticut town or state? Applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No Co-applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Proof of Residence	Applicant	Co-applicant
Previous residency and date Terminated	☐ Rented ☐ Sold ☐ Still Own Date	☐ Rented ☐ Sold ☐ Still Own Date
CT Driver License or ID #		
CT vehicle registration <i>(plate #)</i>		
Legal Alien Registration #		
Registered Voter in New Milford?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Address on your last IRS Income Tax Return		
Address on your last CT Income Tax Return		
Bank statements mailed to Homestead address?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Digitally Received	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Digitally Received
Utilities (cell phone, cable, electric etc.) billed & mailed to the Homestead address?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Digitally Received	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Digitally Received

I authorize the Town of New Milford to obtain information to determine eligibility for the Homestead Exemption. I own the property above and it is my permanent residence. I understand that pursuant to New Milford Town Ordinance Chapter 19, Article XII, §19-69, any person that knowingly and willfully gives false information to receive a this exemption is subject to revocation of the Homestead Exemption, additional tax, and interest.

I have read, or have had someone read to me, the contents of this form.

I certify all information on this form are true, correct, and in effect on October 1 of this year.

Signature, Applicant

Date

Signature, Co-applicant

Date

You will be notified in **February 2027** of your Homestead eligibility.

Penalties

The Assessor has a duty to notify the Tax Collector if you received a Homestead Exemption in the past that you were not entitled to. The Assessor will revoke the exemption for the Grand List years of ineligibility resulting in an additional tax due. The Collector shall then add the interest authorized by Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-145 on all unpaid, delinquent taxes retroactive to the date that the tax became due had relief not been provided and forthwith send a bill for the unpaid taxes and interest to such person. The Collector shall place a notice of lien encumbering such person's property on the land records for all delinquent additional taxes and interest. Should such person neglect or refuse to pay the additional tax and interest within 30 days of the Collector's mailing of such bill, the Town of New Milford may, in addition to and without limiting any and all other remedies that may exist, sue such person for the delinquent additional taxes and interest due as a result of the false application together with costs of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Final Determination

The Town of New Milford Assessor will determine if you are eligible. Any information omitted will not be interpreted in your favor. The Assessor may request additional information to determine eligibility.

***File this signed application for exemption with the
New Milford Tax Assessor***