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Minnesota Property Tax Relief Programs

Below is a summary of key Minnesota property tax relief programs available to homeowners, seniors, veterans, and agricultural property owners. These programs can help reduce your property tax burden through refunds, credits, exclusions, or deferrals, depending on your eligibility. Each section includes a brief overview and links to official resources for additional details and application materials. Use this guide to determine which programs you may qualify for and where to find the necessary forms and instructions.

1. Property Tax Refund – Homestead Credit Refund (for Homeowners)

Homestead Refund:

Refunds part of your property taxes if they exceed a certain percentage of your income.

Special Refund: For homeowners whose property taxes increased by more than 12% and \$100 from the previous year, regardless of income.

- Apply for Winona County Homestead Classification (<https://winonacounty.gov/162/Assessor>)

- More info from MN Revenue (<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/homeowners-homestead-credit-refund>)

2. Senior Citizens Property

Tax Deferral

Eligibility:

- Age 65+ (or 62+ if married to someone 65+)
- Household income $\leq$ \$96,000
- Lived in and owned the home for 5+ years

How it works: You pay 3% of your income in property taxes; the state pays the rest as a loan, repayable when the home is sold.

- Senior Deferral Program Details (<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-deferral-senior-citizens>)

3. Disabled Veterans Market Value Exclusion

\$150,000 Exclusion: For veterans with a 70%+ service-connected disability.

\$300,000 Exclusion: For veterans with a 100% permanent and total disability, surviving spouses, or primary caregivers.

Must apply through the county assessor and have homestead classification.

Veterans Exclusion Program Info (<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/market-value-exclusion-veterans-disability>)

4. Agricultural & Rural Programs

Green Acres Program:

Reduces taxes on agricultural land affected by development pressures.

Agricultural Homestead Credit:

Automatically applied to qualifying ag land.

MN Property Tax Programs Overview (<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/property-tax-programs>)
