



# Saint Louis County

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Homeowners encouraged to check for Homestead Credit Refund eligibility**

For homeowners concerned about their property taxes, an often-overlooked source for relief is available. The Homestead Credit Refund is a state-paid refund aimed at assisting homeowners whose property taxes are high compared to their household income.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue recently sent out a letter to homeowners it's identified as likely being eligible for a refund of \$1,000 or more, but there are others who probably qualify for some level of refund. Eligibility requirements include the total household income for 2013 must be less than \$105,500; the property must be classified as homestead, and the person filing must have owned and lived in the home on January 2, 2014; eligible filers cannot be a dependent and must have been a full- or part-year Minnesota resident in 2013.

"People will call us when they get their tax statement, wondering what kind of help might be available," said Don Dicklich, St. Louis County Auditor, "and so we want to call attention to this special program. The Homestead Credit Refund can reduce a homeowner's property tax amount, and it's likely there are a lot of eligible homeowners in St. Louis County who aren't taking advantage of it."

To file, homeowners must have a copy of their Statement of Property Taxes Payable in 2014, which they should have received this past March; and the amount of their total household income, including both taxable and non-taxable sources. The filing deadline is August 15 of next year.

The refund can be filed for online through the Department of Revenue's website [revenue.state.mn.us](http://revenue.state.mn.us). Homeowners also can file on paper by completing the "2013 Form M1PR,

Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund". Copies of the form are available in the County Auditor's Office, or can be downloaded from the Department of Revenue's website. People can also request a copy be sent to them by calling 1-800-657-3676.

Any questions about the Homestead Credit Refund should be directed to the Minnesota Department of Revenue either by phone at (651) 296-3781 or toll-free (800) 652-9094, or by email: [individual.incometax@state.mn.us](mailto:individual.incometax@state.mn.us).

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