

## ATTENTION TAXPAYERS!

Tax bills for 2011 taxes payable in 2012 will be arriving in the spring of 2012. You will notice an extra pink paper included with your bill. This is a **HOMESTEAD VERIFICATION FORM** that must be completed by every individual or married couple claiming the deduction.

A fact sheet and the most frequent asked questions on the form is available at the State website -- <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/8455.htm>

This form can also be completed on the internet and sent to [elkhartcountyauditor@elkhartcounty.com](mailto:elkhartcountyauditor@elkhartcounty.com) electronically, using your e-mail. You may access this form online at <http://www.indiana-homestead.com> The website also allows you to print this form.

### Common Questions:

- 1.)If I do not supply this information to the County will I lose my homestead deduction? **The County Auditor may terminate the deduction for 2012 pay 2013 if an individual does not verify the deduction before January 1, 2013.**
- 2.)I don't have a social security number what should I do? **If you do not have one of the following SS#, driver's license#, state**

**identification # or US Permanent Resident ("A") number please provide an explanation in Part 4 on the form.**

3.)I am separated but not divorced from my spouse; does this mean I cannot file on my residence? **Married couples, regardless of whether they maintain a residence together, are only eligible for one homestead deduction in the State of Indiana.**

4.)Does my spouse have to sign the certification form? **Yes**

5.)Where do I send the form once completed? **Send to: Elkhart County Auditor, Attention Homestead, 117 N. Second Street Rm 203, Goshen, Indiana 46526**

If you still have additional questions concerning the verification form you may call the County Auditor's office between 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday at 574-535-6720 or 574-535-6710.