

New for the 2013-2014 School Tax STAR exemption

A property may lose its STAR exemption because of unpaid New York State tax debts.

If one or more of the owners of a property that receives a STAR exemption has unpaid New York State tax debt, the property's STAR (School Tax Relief) Program exemption will be suspended unless the owner with the tax debt pays the balance due or sets up a payment plan before **May 31, 2013**.

The STAR exemption reduces the property's school tax bill. If the exemption is suspended, you could lose hundreds (and in some cases, thousands) of dollars in STAR savings.

If the tax debt is not paid by May 31, 2013:

- The STAR exemption will be suspended unless the owner with the tax debt pays the balance due or sets up a payment plan before **May 31, 2013**.
- The amount of the STAR savings will be applied towards paying the owner's tax debts.
- If the owner pays in full (or sets up a payment plan) **after** May 31, 2013:
 - it will be too late for the owner to get the STAR exemption for this year, and
 - the owner can reapply for the STAR exemption for next year.