



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Enclosed please find a copy of the homestead form and an informational packet. Please keep in mind the homestead statute changed effective March 16, 2011. There are significant changes including:

- All homeowners have an automatic \$125,000 homestead coverage. Filing a declaration of homestead provides \$500,000 in coverage.
- Declarations of homestead for mobile homes are now filed at the Registry of Deeds instead of the clerk's office.

Questions regarding the interpretation of the law or its effect on your property should be addressed to an attorney.

Directions for filing the Declaration of Homestead

1. Complete the form. Please note if the property is in a trust there is a different form to be completed by the trustee where the beneficiaries must be named. The following information must be provided: book and page or certificate of title number as it appears on the deed, a probate number if inherited, as well as stating a non-titled spouse. If you have any questions, you may call the Registry of Deeds at 784-0479 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is helpful if you have your homestead form in front of you when calling.
2. The recording fee is \$35. The Registry accepts cash or checks. Your homestead can be recorded in person, or you may send the completed, notarized homestead form and recording fee with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Hampden County Registry of Deeds
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103

3. Once recorded, your declaration of homestead will be available for free viewing and printing online at www.hampdendeeds.com. You may obtain a certified copy in-person or by mail for a fee of \$1 per page.
4. You may download the homestead form and information packet from our website at www.hampdendeeds.com.

Very truly yours,

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