



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Registry of Deeds

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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 is a significant amount of changes which include:

- All homeowners have an automatic, \$125,000.00 homestead coverage. Filing a declaration of homestead provides \$ 500,000.00 coverage.
- Declarations of homesteads 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 DECLARATION OF HOMESTEAD FORM

1. Complete THE FORM. Please note if 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; previous owners name, date, book and page or certificate of title number as it appears on the deed as well as stating a non-titled spouse. If you have any questions, you may call the Registry of Deeds at 784-0479 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is very helpful if you have your homestead form in front of you when calling.
2. The filing fee is \$35.00. The registry accepts cash or checks. Your homestead can be recorded in person, or you may send the completed homestead form and correct filing fee with a self addressed stamped envelope to:
Hampden County Registry of Deeds
50 State Street
Springfield, Ma 01103
3. You should receive your original homestead form in the mail within a week from the filing date. However, if your property is registered with the Land Court Department, your original homestead form will stay in the Registry of Deeds. You may obtain a certified copy at any time for a fee of \$1.00 per page.
4. You may download the form for the Homestead Act from our website at <http://www.hampdendeeds.com>. You may e-mail us at hampden@sec.state.ma.us.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald E. Ashe".

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