



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Registry of Deeds

Hampden District

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Register 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](mailto:hampden@sec.state.ma.us).

Very Truly Yours,

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

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