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Damaged Property Tax Relief

Dear Property Owner:

Our office is actively working to identify properties that may have sustained damage from the recent disaster to ensure that all eligible property owners receive property tax relief. Under California state law, properties affected by misfortunes or calamities, such as this disaster, may qualify for property tax reductions under certain conditions.

If your property was damaged, please complete the enclosed *Application for Reassessment of Property Damaged by Misfortune or Calamity and Application for Property Tax Installment Deferral*. You may return the form via email to Assessor.Disaster@VenturaCounty.gov, by fax to (805) 645-1305, or by mail to the address above.

This property tax relief is available for a wide range of assessable properties, including homes, commercial and industrial buildings, manufactured homes, boats, and other property types. If you have questions about your assessment or the relief process, please contact us at (805) 654-2181 or Assessor.Info@VenturaCounty.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the disaster relief affect my property tax bill?

The current property taxes will be reduced for that portion of the property that was damaged or destroyed. This reduction will be effective from the date of the damage and will remain in effect until the property is rebuilt or repaired.

When my property is rebuilt or repaired following the damage, will my property taxes be increased over what they were before?

No. Property owners will retain their previous factored base year value if the property is rebuilt in a like or similar manner, regardless of the actual cost of construction. However, any new square footage or extras, such as additional baths, will be added to the base year value at its full market value.

How do I know the amount of property taxes to be refunded if my house was partially destroyed by a fire?

The Assessor's Office will determine the market value of your house before and after the damage. The percentage of the loss will be applied to the assessed value of your house, and a refund will be issued.

What if I disagree with the value as determined by my county assessor's office?

If you disagree with the value established by the County Assessor's Office, you may file an appeal within six months of the notification of proposed values.

Sincerely,
Ventura County Assessor's Office

**Application for Reassessment Property Damaged by Misfortune or Calamity
And Request for Property Tax Installment Deferral**

Property Damaged or Destroyed by the Mountain Fire Incident November 2024



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APPLICATION FOR REASSESSMENT PROPERTY DAMAGED BY MISFORTUNE OR CALAMITY

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITHIN TWELVE (12) MONTHS OF THE DAMAGE.

In accordance with Section 170 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California, I hereby apply for reassessment of the following property which was damaged or destroyed through no fault of my own. **The damage was at least \$10,000.**

Address of Damaged Property (Number/Street/City/Zip)

Parcel or Account Number (If known)

Type of Damaged Property (you can check more than one)

Residential Commercial Rural
 Manufactured Home Boat or Aircraft Business Property

Other: _____

PROPERTY TAX INSTALLMENT DEFERRAL REQUEST (IF APPLICABLE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING)

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE ASSESSOR NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON OR BEFORE THE DELINQUENCY DATE OF THE PROPERTY TAX BILL INSTALLMENT DUE FOLLOWING THE CALAMITY (DEC 10).

I am an owner of property in Ventura County, which suffered substantial damage as a result of a calamity, or disaster not of my own fault. I pay my property taxes directly, I have not paid the upcoming installment (Initials) and do not pay through an impound account (Initials).

I live on the property, am eligible for the Homeowner's Exemption and my property has suffered at least \$10,000 in damage due to a calamity or misfortune. Or I own the property, which has suffered damage of at least 20% of its fair market value due to a calamity or misfortune.

NOTICE: I understand that if the Assessor determines that my property does not qualify as being substantially damaged as defined in Revenue & Taxation Code Sec. 194.1 and my property tax payment has been deferred per this request, I may be charged delinquent penalties and interest by the Ventura County Tax Collector

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IMPORTANT: I declare that the forgoing property damage information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the above information concerning eligibility for requesting deferral of my property tax payment. I believe that I meet the above requirements and hereby apply for a deferral of my property tax payment until no later than 30 days after I receive a corrected tax bill, or supplemental refund, for my damaged property.

Applicant's Name (Print)

Mailing Address

Email Address

Telephone Number (Include Area Code)

Applicant's Signature

Date