

PACKET 3 – Disaster Relief and Follow Up

Introduction to Disaster Relief and Follow Up

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You have now completed your reassessment work and should have an indication of the appropriate values for damaged properties, as well as an indication of the severity of the disaster. You can now start compiling this information into reports and other summaries to begin the process of requesting state and other assistance and funding. Most of your work will be in an effort to access the various property tax relief established by the Legislature.

This reassessment information is needed to complete the application process for relief and to initiate the application for reimbursement of certain abatements and credits (if applicable).

Other follow up activities will include interacting with and providing information to taxpayers who are directly affected by the disaster, as some relief available requires application from the taxpayer and approval by the county board.

You may also be asked to assist with other reports and disaster assistance requests. These will likely be coordinated through your local disaster response leaders, but you will likely be contacted as a resource for information or expertise. Therefore, it is imperative the assessor's office is prepared and knowledgeable about the entire disaster response so it is able to provide accurate and appropriate information during the reassessment. This is especially true in terms of the property tax relief programs available.

Other Information in this Packet

The other pieces included in this packet will provide you with helpful information regarding disaster relief and other follow up activities. This includes:

- Information on the state's disaster property tax relief provisions (Homestead Credits, Local Option Credits, and Local Option Abatements)
- The follow up required after the reassessment and the Executive Council Application process
- The state's reimbursement process
- Other disaster aid programs
- Disaster property tax relief flowcharts