

## PACKET 2 – The Reassessment Disaster Form Letter Template

<<County Assessor Office Letterhead>>>

<<<Date>>>

<<<Property Owner/Address/Etc.>>>

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Dear Resident:

On <<<date of disaster>>> many residents were impacted by the devastating effects of <<<disaster type>>>. As a result, many homeowners suffered damage. To help lessen the financial burden for the impacted residents, <<<County>>> and the State of Minnesota are coordinating to apply for property tax relief for eligible residents pursuant to Minnesota law.

The specific programs benefit property damaged in a disaster. The purpose is to reduce the property taxes of owners whose property has been damaged as the result of a disaster through a property tax abatement and/or credit for taxes payable in <<<years>>>. The credit will be determined according to law.

**Who is Eligible for Property Tax Relief?**

1. Abatements: (Year of the Disaster)
  - a. Property Regardless of Classification with a percentage of 50% or greater
2. Credits: (Your taxes the year after the Disaster)
  - a. Homesteaded Property; Percentage of damage – no limit
  - b. Non-Homestead/Commercial/Seasonal – Percentage of damage of 50% or greater
    - i. If you are less than 50%, you are not entitled to any property tax relief

To calculate the value of this tax relief, the surveyed damage must be properly assessed. The <<<County Name>>> County Assessor’s Department has sent out officials to assess the damage of property in <<<Jurisdiction>>>. Please verify that the following data corresponds to your property.

Property Identification Number:	
Percentage of Damage as Determined by Law:	
Estimated Value Loss Calculated for Property Tax Relief:	**

*\*\*This value is not a reduction of your estimated market value nor is it to be used for Casualty Loss for Federal Income Tax Purposes. **For Property Tax Calculation Only.***

If the damage assessment appears accurate, no action is necessary. However, if the information above does not accurately correspond to your knowledge of your property loss, or if you have questions about the program, please contact:

<<<Contact Person>>>  
 <<<Contact Office Information>>>  
 <<<Contact Office Information>>>  
 <<<Contact Phone Number>>>  
 <<<Contact email>>>

To aid residents with the property tax relief as soon as possible, <<<Date>>> is the target date to finalize damage assessment figures. Again, if you believe your damage assessment is not accurate, please contact the <<<County Name>>> County Assessor’s Department before this date to insure that your home has been properly valued.

Sincerely,

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<<<Name>>>

<<<Jurisdiction>>>