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mason county
assessor*

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Re: Property Tax Disaster Relief Information

As hundreds of victims of the natural disaster that occurred in our county last week struggle to begin recovery and rebuild their lives, the immediate priorities are access to water, food, shelter, medical care, and security. For those affected property owners however, the storm's effects can have diminished the market value of their property due to storm damage, of which may or may not be recoverable.

Because Mason County is within an area declared a disaster by the governor and if the taxpayer's property has been reduced in value by more than 20 percent, as your County Assessor I can give relief in property taxes for the loss of assessment value of the damaged property (Chapter 84.70 RCW). In order for my office to act on the possible abatement of the taxes on the damage property, we need the taxpayers to fill out the proper request form. This form (TAXPAYER'S CLAIM FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS AND THE ABATEMENT OF TAXES RESULTING FROM DESTROYED REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR LOSS OF VALUE IN A DECLARED DISASTER AREA) is available from the county web site <http://www.co.mason.wa.us> or call 427-9670 ext 491 and we will mail it on request. (482-5269 from Elma exchange or 360-275- 4467 Belfair or Allyn exchange)

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