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Property Tax Relief Available To Snow, Flood Victims

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 21, 2009 — Property tax relief is available to the owners of properties damaged or destroyed by recent snows or flooding, according to the Washington State Department of Revenue.

Property owners can apply to county assessors to reduce the taxable value of affected properties. Relief could include a partial abatement or refund of taxes paid in 2009 and a reduction of future taxes until the property is restored.

Applications are available at the offices of county assessors or online at http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/forms/PropTx/Forms/TaxpClaimReducAssmtDestryRealPersProp_E.doc and <http://dor.wa.gov/Docs/forms/PropTx/Forms/PetForPropTxRefnd.doc>. The forms should be submitted to county assessors.

More information on property tax relief is available at <http://dor.wa.gov/Content/GetAFormOrPublication/PublicationBySubject/TaxTopics/PropertyTax/Floodrelief.aspx>, or by going to the Department's home page at <http://dor.wa.gov>.

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