



2011 Spring Flooding Disaster

Governor Brian Schweitzer has declared a statewide emergency as many parts of Montana are besieged with flooding. If you have experienced property loss or damage because of this current flooding disaster, you may be eligible for property tax relief. The Montana Department of Revenue is here to assist you with the process.

Property Tax Relief Information

Property tax relief is available to property owners who have experienced partial or complete property loss or damage due to a natural disaster. In general, this means that the property has been rendered unsuitable for its previous use. Eligible properties include these types:

- Real property dwellings
- Real property improvements (such as garages, sheds, barns, and grain bins)
- Manufactured housing / mobile homes
- Business equipment

Property tax relief related to the current flooding disaster is available for tax year 2011. For this specific tax year, the tax payments are due by November 2011 (first-half payment) and May 2012 (second-half payment). *Please note: This tax relief will not reduce your property tax bill that is due this month.* The tax relief is prorated based upon the number of days in tax year 2011 that the property was unsuitable for its previous use.

To apply for property tax relief, please follow these steps:

- Obtain a natural disaster application. The application, called Form AB-25, is available online and in all Department of Revenue local offices. You also can call your local Department of Revenue office to have a form mailed to you.
- Complete the application. If needed, your local Department of Revenue office can provide you with necessary property information to complete the form.
- Work with your local Department of Revenue office if an appraiser contacts you to review your property's damage.

The department also can assist you by issuing replacement copies of your property record, past-year tax returns or other revenue-related information that may have been lost or damaged.

Questions

If you have questions, we're here to help.

- Visit the department's website at revenue.mt.gov.
- Contact your local Department of Revenue office.
- Call the department's call center toll free at (866) 859-2254 (in Helena, 444-6900).