Did Your Property Sustain Damage During Recent Severe Storms?

You may qualify for a 2024 property tax exemption! In an area declared a disaster area by the Governor, Tax Code Section 11.35 allows a qualified property that is at least 15 percent damaged by a disaster to receive a temporary exemption of a portion of the appraised value of the qualified property. A property owner must apply for the temporary exemption, and the deadline for application is 105 days after the Governor declares a disaster area.

The deadline for filing the 2024 application for exemption is September 8, 2024. For a copy of the application, form 50-312, please log onto www.collincad.org. You can mail your application to the Collin Central Appraisal District, 250 Eldorado Pkwy., McKinney 75069 or via email to exemptions@cadcollin.org

Qualified property includes:
- tangible business personal property used for income production if the owner filed a 2024 rendition;
- residential buildings (homes), commercial buildings (businesses), industrial buildings (manufacturing), multi-family buildings (apartments), and other real property buildings; and certain manufactured homes.

The appraisal district determines if the property qualifies for the temporary exemption and assigns a damage assessment rating of Level I, II, III or IV based upon available information. The district may rely on information from a county emergency management authority, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or other appropriate sources like insurance adjusters or repair estimates when making this determination.

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<td>&gt;-15% to &lt;30%</td>
<td>Minimal, may continue to be used as intended.</td>
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<td>&gt;=30% to &lt;60%</td>
<td>Nonstructural damage and waterline &lt;18” above floor if flooded.</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>&gt;=60% to &lt;100%</td>
<td>Significant structural damage and waterline 18”+ above floor if flooded.</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>Total loss, repair is not feasible</td>
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For real property, the damage assessment and exemption calculations will be based on the 2024 appraised value of the buildings only.

The amount of the exemption is determined by multiplying the building or business personal property value, as applicable, by the exemption percentage based on the damage assessment level and is then multiplied by a proration factor (the number of days remaining in the tax year after the date the governor declares the disaster is divided by 365). The appraisal district must send written notice of the approval, modification, or denial of the application to the applicant. The temporary disaster area exemption expires on January 1st of the first tax year in which the property is reappraised.

Governor Abbott declared Collin County a disaster area on May 26, 2024, so this exemption applies to qualifying properties in Collin County. To view the Disaster Declaration, please log onto www.collincad.org.

The proration factor for this disaster is 0.60 (219/365 = 0.60).

Sample 2024 disaster exemption calculation:
A $100,000 house received $20,000 in nonstructural storm damage.
$20,000 Damage / $100,000 house value = 20%, exceeding the 15% minimum. Damage Rating is Level 1.
$100,000 House Value times 15% exemption percentage = $15,000
$15,000 times proration factor 0.60 = $9,000 exemption amount reducing the taxable value for 2024.