



Harris Central Appraisal District News Release

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Harris Central Appraisal District Reminds Property Owners of Disaster Exemption

Houston —The Harris Central Appraisal District is reminding property owners who experienced physical damage to their property during the January tornadoes to apply for a temporary disaster exemption.

“I want to remind everyone who had physical damage to their property in the January tornadoes that the deadline to apply for the temporary disaster exemption is May 11,” said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. “The disaster exemption is available to help those owners reduce their 2023 property taxes.”

The Texas Tax Code allows a qualified property that is at least 15 percent damaged by a disaster in a governor-declared disaster area to receive a temporary exemption of a portion of the appraised value of the property. Qualified property includes real property such as homes and buildings, certain manufactured homes and tangible personal property used for the production of income for a business.

The property owner must apply for the temporary exemption no later than 105 days after the governor declares a disaster area. Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared the state a disaster area on January 26 so the temporary disaster exemption application must be filed with the appraisal district no later than May 11.

The disaster application form can be found online at www.hcad.org under FORMS > ALL FORMS > General Information > Form 50-312, Temporary Exemption for Property Damaged by a Disaster.

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The form should be mailed to the address in the top left of the form, which is Harris Central Appraisal District, Information and Assistance Division, P.O. Box 922012, Houston, Texas 77292-2012. For further information, contact the HCAD's information center at 713.957.7800 or email help@hcad.org .

About HCAD

The Harris Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the boundaries of the district. The district has approximately 1.8 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$790 billion. The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving more than 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.

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