

# Disaster relief for taxpayers

*En español: Ayuda para las empresas afectadas por desastres.*

*Русский язык: Помощь налогоплательщикам при стихийных бедствиях*

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**한국어:** 납세자를 위한 재난 지원

*Tiếng Việt: Hỗ trợ thiên tai cho người đóng thuế*

## When an emergency strikes

Revenue will work with businesses that cannot file or pay their taxes on time due to a natural disaster.

When a state of emergency or disaster has been officially declared, affected businesses that owe Washington taxes may qualify for the following assistance. Follow each link to learn more:

- Filing extension for excise tax returns
- Late payment penalty waiver request

Businesses can request an extension or penalty waiver by sending a secure email in their **My DOR** account or by calling Revenue's customer service staff at 360-705-6705, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Businesses in the impacted areas can also request:

- Rescheduling of a planned audit (contact the auditor).
- More time to file a business license or registration renewal (Call Business Licensing Service at 360-705-6741 or by email at [BLS@dor.wa.gov](mailto:BLS@dor.wa.gov)).
- Assistance with expiring reseller permits (Call 360-705-6217 or by email at [Reseller@dor.wa.gov](mailto:Reseller@dor.wa.gov)).

## Tax relief information

- Damaged Timber Adjustment Application (pdf) – forest excise tax relief: an application to reduce the stumpage value due to damage from fire, blow down, ice storm, flood, volcanic activity, and earthquake.
- Destroyed Property – property tax relief: homeowners may apply for a three-year exemption for physical improvement value added to single family dwellings as a result of property destroyed by a natural disaster.
- Emergency financial assistance grants – B&O tax, sales tax, and public utility tax relief: certain financial assistance is exempt from tax.
- Furnishing emergency housing to the homeless – sales tax and lodging taxes relief: cities, towns, counties, and groups providing emergency food and shelter services.

## More information

IRS disaster assistance and emergency relief

Emergency Management Division (EMD) Disaster Assistance for Businesses

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