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Tax Relief May Be Available For Property Owners Impacted By Monday's Severe Weather

SDAT Will Identify Damaged Real Property for Reassessment, Encourages Residents To Apply

The [Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation](#) (SDAT) is encouraging residents whose real property was damaged by Monday's severe weather to contact the Department, as they may qualify to have their property assessments reduced. Queen Anne's County residents can fill out the attached pdf and email it to sdattaco@maryland.gov, or call our local office at [\(410\) 819-4160](tel:(410)819-4160) for more information. The applications can also be mailed to our local office in Queen Anne's County at 120 Broadway, Suite 7, Centreville, MD 21617.

In the coming weeks, SDAT's assessors will also begin visiting areas impacted by the severe weather to locate and identify damaged property. When a decrease in value is confirmed by an assessor—either from an exterior inspection or from a resident submitting the attached application—the new real property assessment will be sent to Queen Anne's County's Finance Office and a new tax bill may be issued. If a property owner has already paid their tax bill, a prorated abatement will be issued. If the extent of damage is not clear from an exterior inspection, the attached application will be delivered to the property owner for them to complete and send back.

Since Monday morning, SDAT has been in contact with state and local governments, and has visited the temporary shelter at Centreville Middle School to ensure that residents who may qualify for a reduced assessment are aware of this application.

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**DAMAGED PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
REDUCTION APPLICATION**

(Owner)

(Current Mailing Address)

(Phone Number)

Damaged Property

Reference: Account Number: _____
Premise Address: _____

Dear Property Owner:

The above referenced real property recorded in your name may be eligible for a damaged property abatement (tax refund) under Maryland Tax-Property Article, Title 10-304.

In order to further determine your eligibility and process a refund, the following information is required.

Date Damage Occurred: _____

Estimated Date Damage will be Repaired: _____

Estimate of Damage to Real Property : \$ _____

Can the Property be Occupied in its current State?

Yes _____

No _____

Please complete and return this form to the following address. If you have any questions,
please call (410) 819-4160.

(Local Office)
SDAT's Queen Anne's County Local Office

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