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Storm Damage to Your Real Estate ----- Contact your Tax Assessor

Most New Jersey property owners know the assessment date in New Jersey is October 1 of the pre tax year.

Under NJSA 54:4-35.1 tax relief for the year 2013 is available to real estate that was damaged after the assessment date by Super Storm Sandy.

This tax relief is not automatic. Property owners must formally contact their appropriate tax assessor before January 10, 2013.

Tax payers will be able to see their proposed 2013 assessment at their local municipal building in December 2012, when the assessor advertises the tax books are open for public inspection.

Municipalities normally present their final Tax Lists to the Morris County Board of Taxation by January 10. This year's filings may be delayed. Once the tax books are presented, they become public record and are available for inspection.

All tax assessors have been advised to take into account the storm damages and reflect the new values in the 2013 Tax List. The tax assessors are committed to making all changes in conformance to State guidelines.

Morris County Tax Administrator Ralph T. Meloro, IV says because the storm damage was so extensive, the potential problem is the tax assessors may not be aware of all damaged property.

Meloro suggests you send a letter, by certified mail, to your tax assessor before the January 10, 2013 deadline. The responsibility to contact your assessor is yours.

Send your letter now. Tell the assessor if you had a flooding problem or if your building had physical damage.

State laws do not allow adjustments to assessments for the year 2013 if the assessor is not notified by January 10, 2013.

Submitted by,

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