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Property owners who suffered damage due to a calamity such as wildfire

The Lightning Complex Fire has affected parts of Tuolumne County and have caused damage to properties. All property owners whose property was damaged due to fire or other calamities qualify for property tax relief.

To qualifying for property tax relief the damage caused by a calamity to your property must be more than \$10,000 or 10% of the value of the property, whichever is less.

Second, the property owner must notify the assessor's office. The Assessors office will be proactively applying this property tax relief to qualified properties but is asking for your assistance in identifying all affected properties. Please notify our office of the APN or situs address by calling our office at (209)533-5535 or by email at assessor@co.tuolumne.ca.gov.

Additionally, we strongly encourage all property owners who suffered damage to their property to visit the Assessors website at <https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/200/Assessor> to read more about the calamity property tax relief program and download the Disaster Relief form that can be sent to the Assessor Office.

The reduced value will remain in effect until the property is rebuilt or repaired. More importantly, after the property is repaired or rebuilt, the property can retain the previous Proposition 13 factored base year value if the property is rebuilt in like or similar manner. That means that the property tax assessment will not increase beyond what it was before the flooding or disaster.

The tax relief is available to all properties including homes, commercial, industrial, and mobile homes. However, damage to vehicles and contents of a home such as personal effects and furniture are not eligible for this tax relief because they are not assessable property.