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**Tax relief will be available to homeowners who have experienced major property damage due to last month's floods**

*Assessor's Office is committed to ensuring that 2022 home values are fair and accurate.*

St. Louis County Assessor Jake Zimmerman announced today that tax relief will be available to homeowners who experienced major property damage due to last week's floods. Said Zimmerman, "Our office knows this is an extremely stressful time for property owners impacted by the flooding. We are committed to fairness and compassion. If you've lost your house, you shouldn't have to worry about an unfair tax bill on top of everything else."

Under Missouri law, if a residential property is uninhabitable for 30 days or more due to a natural disaster, the Assessor's Office can pro-rate the 2022 property value for the time the owner is displaced. Zimmerman said that his staff will be identifying uninhabitable homes using the information collected from taxpayers, the 211 Help Line, and other County departments and municipalities. Missouri law does not provide the same relief for business owners or those with damaged vehicles but, Zimmerman said, "my Office is committed to doing all we can to ensure that the values accurately reflect the condition of the property."

"I know that at this stressful time, the last thing a homeowner wants to think about is paperwork," Zimmerman said. "But, to qualify for property tax relief for your home or help my Office value your property accurately, there are three things that an owner can do.

First, let my Office know about the condition of your property. Taxpayers can use the "Flood Response Information" site on the County Webpage or call my Office:

- Website: [www.stlouiscountymo.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymo.gov)
- Phone: (314) 615-4981

Second, cooperate with a County or municipal inspector so they can determine the status of your property.

**Jake Zimmerman, Assessor**

Third, be sure to keep copies of insurance estimates, FEMA documents, and other materials that will help our Office accurately value your property.”

Unfortunately, Missouri law does not provide the same relief for owners of commercial property or damaged vehicles. Nonetheless, to help the Assessor’s Office value property accurately in the future, owners of commercial property should also keep copies of documents related to property damage from the floods.

Zimmerman concluded, “I can assure you that my staff and I are working hard to provide all the relief possible to the extent permitted by Missouri law”.

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