

## Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (198 word count)

Publish/post the following article on your website for your customers who need financial help after a disaster.

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### Help for victims of Hurricane Sandy (and other natural disasters)

Try as we may, the one thing we can't control is the weather. When natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes and hurricanes occur, families and businesses can feel overwhelmed when faced with rebuilding and recovering. The IRS wants to help. Did you know that special tax law provisions may help you recover financially from [the impact of a federally declared disaster](#)? If you have damaged or lost property in a location declared by the federal government as a major disaster area, you may be able to get some money back from the IRS right now.

Additionally, depending on your circumstances, the IRS may grant you more time to file your return and pay your taxes. You could get a faster refund by claiming losses related to a disaster on your tax return for the previous year, usually by filing an amended return.

Check out the [Tax Relief in Disaster Situations](#) Web page. This page has helpful tax relief information for people affected by natural disasters, including Hurricanes Sandy and Isaac, the Texas wildfires, the Kentucky and South Dakota floods and other natural disasters. Remember, when natural disasters strike, the IRS is here to help you.

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#### IRS.gov

[Help for Victims of Hurricane Sandy](#) - Relief for Victims of Hurricane Sandy -check out this site for details of the tax relief announcements for each individual state

- Help for Individuals
  - [Disaster Assistance Self-Study Record Reconstruction Publication 2194, Disaster Losses Kit for Individuals](#)
- Help for Small Business Owners – IRS Video Presentations
  - [IRS Disaster Assistance](#)
  - [Planning for Business Continuity after a Disaster](#)
  - [Reconstructing Records after a Disaster](#)
  - [Disaster Loss Deductions](#)

#### IRS.gov in Spanish

- [El IRS en Español](#)
  - [Alivio Contributivo en Situaciones de Desastre](#)

#### IRS Forms and Publications

- [Publication 547 – Casualties, Disasters and Thefts](#)