

## Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers (222 word count)

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

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### IRS can help when natural disasters strike



Try as we may, the one thing no one can control is the weather. When natural disasters such as, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes occur, families and businesses can often feel overwhelmed when faced with rebuilding their lives. 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](#) webpage to learn more about the latest disaster relief information. This page has helpful tax relief information for those affected by natural disasters such as Hurricanes Irene and Lee, the Texas wildfires, the Kentucky and South Dakota floods and other recent natural disasters.

Remember, when natural disasters strike, the IRS is here to help you.

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[Tax Relief in Disaster Situations](#) - Relief for Victims of Hurricane Irene-check out this site for details of the tax relief announcements for each individual state

- Help for Individuals
  - [FAQs for Disaster Victims](#)
  - [Gulf Oil Spill: Questions and Answers](#)
  - [Reconstructing Your Records](#)
  - [Publication 2194, Disaster Losses Kit for Individuals](#)
  - [Help for Hurricane Victims: Information on Tax Relief, Charitable Issues](#)
  
- Help for Small Business Owners – Audio Presentations

- [Continuity Planning and Other Tips to Stay in Business After a Major Disaster Audio](#)
- [Insurance Coverage and Other Emergency Planning Tips to Help Your Business Survive a Major Disaster Audio](#)
- [Recordkeeping and Reconstructing Business Records to Help Your Business Survive a Major Disaster Audio](#)
- [Disaster and Emergency Relief - Webinar Archive Video](#)

### **IRS.gov in Spanish**

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

### **IRS Forms and Publications**

- [Publication 3067, IRS Disaster Assistance](#)
  - [English & Spanish](#)
  - [English & Chinese](#)
  - [English & German](#)
  - [English & Korean](#)
  - [English & Russian](#)
  - [English & Vietnamese](#)
- [Publication 1600, Disaster Losses — Help from the IRS](#)
- [Publication 547 – Casualties, Disasters and Thefts](#)
- [Publication 2194, Disaster Losses Kit for Individuals](#)
- [Publication 2194B, Disaster Losses Kit for Businesses](#)