

Sample article for organizations to use to reach customers

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



What to do if you need financial help after a disaster

Has disaster affected your life — and your finances? 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 can get a faster refund by claiming losses related to the disaster on your tax return for the previous year, usually by filing an [amended return](#).

You can learn more by reviewing [Tax Relief in Disaster Situations](#).

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are links to IRS.gov information and publications about what individuals should do if they are affected by a disaster.

IRS.gov

- 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](#)

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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](#)