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**Greene County Assessor Announces
Property Value Relief for Eligible Storm-Damaged Homes**

Springfield, Mo. — In the aftermath of the severe storm that struck Greene County on April 29, 2025, Greene County Assessor Brent Johnson is notifying residents that property tax relief (in the form of property value) may be available for homeowners whose residences were rendered uninhabitable due to storm damage.

Under Missouri law (RSMo 137.082), Greene County is an “Occupancy Law” county, allowing the Assessor to prorate the taxable value of residential properties that are uninhabitable due to natural disasters such as tornadoes, floods, fires, or earthquakes.

"After personally witnessing the extensive damage sustained by many homes in our community, I want to ensure that residents are aware of this opportunity to reduce their property tax burden while their homes are unoccupied and undergoing repairs," said Assessor Brent Johnson.

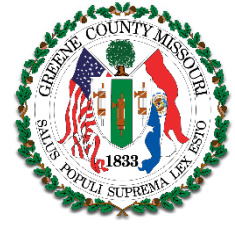
Eligible property owners may apply for prorated property value by completing the **Destroyed Residential Property Claim Form**, available on the Greene County Assessor’s website: <https://greenecountymo.gov/assessor/forms.php>

Important Information for Applicants:

- Only residential properties are eligible for relief under this program.
- Property owners must notify the Assessor’s Office using the form mentioned above.
- Properties must be inspected by the Assessor’s Office during the unoccupied period. (including the approval)
- Owners must provide supporting documentation, including insurance claim numbers and repair estimates (these may be submitted as they become available).
- Property owners are required to notify the Assessor’s Office immediately upon reoccupancy or completion of repairs.
- Property that is uninhabited after 12 months will require additional documentation.

For further assistance regarding this program, property owners may contact the Greene County Assessor’s Office at: **417-868-4101** or exemptions@greenecountymo.gov

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DESTROYED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLAIM FORM

Purpose: Section 137.082, RSMo allows the assessor to remove the value of residential property, on a pro rata basis, which was destroyed by a natural disaster such as tornado, flood, fire, or earthquake.

Statute: Subsection 137.082.9 reads, in pertinent part:

[T]he assessor of such county (adopting the Occupancy Law) shall, upon application of the property owner, remove on a pro rata basis from the tax book for the current year any residential real property improvements destroyed by a natural disaster if such property is unoccupied and uninhabitable due to such destruction..... Any person claiming such destroyed property shall provide a list of such destroyed property to the county assessor.....If the assessor, subsequent to such destruction, considers such property occupied as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the assessor shall consider such property new construction and improvements and shall assess such property accordingly as provided in subsection 1 of this section. For the purposes of this section, the term "natural disaster" means any disaster due to natural causes such as tornado, fire, flood, or earthquake.

Instructions: List each residential structure or building destroyed, the address of the property if it is different than the owner's address, the date of the destruction, and the type of destruction, such as tornado, flood, fire, or earthquake.

Type of Structure	Address of Property Destroyed (If Different Than Owner's Address)	Date Destroyed	Type of Destruction	For Assessor's Use Only

Attach a copy of the fire report if available or other disaster report. Include a copy of the insurance estimate or detailed estimate for repairs. If you know the fire report number:

If repairs are not completed within 12 months, a new application must be submitted with evidence of work progress including updated photos.

The Assessors Office reserves the right to inspect the property periodically to assess the progress of repairs. **Selling the property will void the natural disaster designation. The property owner agrees to inform the Assessor's Office as soon as the repairs are completed and/or the property becomes reoccupied.**

I hereby make this application under section 137.082, RSMo to remove the assessed valuation of real property improvements (structures) listed above from the tax books for the year _____. I certify that I am the owner of the residential real property improvements listed and that they were destroyed by a natural disaster to an extent that they could no longer be occupied or inhabited. I understand that the property will be returned to the tax books upon completion of any new improvements determined by occupancy. The approximate date the property will become habitable/occupied again is: _____.

I further certify that this is an accurate and true statement, and I understand that any person who, with the intent to defraud, lists property not destroyed by a natural disaster, in addition to other penalties provided by law, shall be assessed at double the value of any property fraudulently listed.

Parcel Number: _____ **Owner's Signature:** _____

Owner's Current Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Daytime Phone Number:** _____

Email: _____