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## **Weather-damaged properties could be eligible for reduction**

If you are the owner of a home or business that has been damaged by recent flooding or storms, you may be eligible to receive a reduction on your annual real estate tax bill.

Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes confirmed that state law authorizes County Auditors to reduce real estate values for properties that have been damaged or destroyed. A substantial reduction in property value may result in lower real estate taxes for the property until it has been essentially restored to its prior condition or value.

Property value reductions can be applied to real property – including manufactured homes. Personal property such as furniture and other personal belongings that have been destroyed are not included.

“We would like to hear from citizens who have suffered structural damage to their property,” said Auditor Rhodes, “so that we may update our information and allow them to take advantage of value relief.”

The application deadline for damage occurring this year is in most cases December 31, 2018.

Applications for a property value reduction and additional information are available on the County Auditor's web site at: [www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org) Find them under Forms on the main page, then Real Property. The application for valuation deduction for destroyed or injured property form is the third one over on the top line. The form applies to both residential and commercial properties.

Property owners can also get additional information by calling the Hamilton County Auditor's Office at 513-946-4000.

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