

9 Actions Florida Should Take to Help Taxpayers Impacted by Hurricane Ian



1. **Postpone tax notices and waive penalties or interest** for late tax filings in affected areas
2. Extend the date for residents to take advantage of the **tax discounts they would normally receive for paying property taxes and special assessments in November** and **postpone or defer the deadline for property tax installment payments**
3. **Protect individual and business taxpayers from the risks for notices** that they will likely not receive because their home or business addresses is not accessible anymore
4. **Issue no new audits in severely impacted areas, extend the statute of limitations and postpone existing audits** that haven't reached the assessment stage because these can't be responded to while entire communities are still recovering
5. **Create procedures for fairly estimating taxes which can't be calculated because records have been destroyed by the storm**, moving away from the current method which significantly overestimates activity if no records are available
6. Initiate procedures to **offer payment plan assistance** for late taxes, rather than resorting to the standard collection methods, like liens, levies, or bank freezes
7. **Retroactively apply the recently passed law that provides property tax refunds for residential property rendered uninhabitable** as a result of a catastrophic event
8. Provide **tangible personal property relief** and **allow non-residential properties rendered uninhabitable to receive property tax refunds**
9. Get Congress to pass a **Disaster Tax Relief Act** that includes provisions from past packages, including elements such as an **Employee Retention Credit, an enhanced casualty loss deduction, and other relief provisions**

Contact Florida TaxWatch with suggestions on ways that Florida can support taxpayers by emailing recovery@floridatxwatch.org or calling 850.222.5052