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**Temporary property tax relief available to Caldwell County residents**

LOCKHART, Tx—Months may have passed since Winter Storm Uri swept through Texas, but many Texans, including Lockhart residents, continue to feel its impact while in recovery. To help ease financial stress, the Caldwell County Appraisal District, along with the City of Lockhart, encourage property owners affected to apply for temporary property tax relief.

“The City is looking for all ways possible to help our citizens that had damage or loss during the winter storm,” said Mayor Lew White. “Please read the details of the possible property tax relief program to see if you qualify.”

According to [state law](#), property owners in counties named in the governor’s disaster declaration may apply for a temporary property tax exemption. Qualified property includes homes, apartments, commercial, and industrial buildings with at least 15-percent damage to receive a tax exemption of a portion of its appraised value as shown in the table below:

Level	Damage Assessment	Damage Description	Exemption Percentage
I	15% < 30%	Minimal, may continue to be used as intended	15%
II	30% < 60%	Nonstructural damage and waterline <18" above floor	30%
III	60% < 100%	Significant structural damage and waterline 18"+ above floor	60%
IV	100%	Total loss; repair is not feasible	100%

Texas law also states the county’s appraisal district staff will assess the damage, which will help determine how much aid a property owner will receive.

"Caldwell County property owners will spend the next few months rebuilding their homes and businesses," said Caldwell County Chief Appraiser, Shanna Ramzinski. "This temporary exemption can offer some property tax relief during this difficult time."

The deadline to apply is 105<sup>th</sup> day of the Governor’s issuance of the disaster declaration, which is May 28, 2021. Click [here](#) for the application.

