

IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION DUE TO HURRICANE IAN

WAS YOUR RESIDENCE UNINHABITABLE FROM HURRICANE IAN?

You can apply for a tax refund for 2022, if your residence was deemed uninhabitable for at least 30 days or more.

Section 197.3181, Florida Statutes (F.S.), provides a refund of property taxes originally levied and paid for residential improved property rendered uninhabitable for at least 30 days due to Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole. To be eligible for refund, the property must be determined "uninhabitable," that is the property could not be used or occupied for the purpose for which it was constructed for a period of at least 30 days as evidenced by documentation. The owner of the property must file this sworn application with the property appraiser's office by **April 3, 2023**. [The law provides that this date is April 1, 2023; however, this date is a Saturday, and therefore the date is extended to Monday, April 3, 2023]

You should file this application even if you have not paid the tax due. If the property appraiser determines the applicant is eligible, refunds are to be processed upon timely payment of 2022 property taxes by the property owner, or immediately if the taxes have already been paid. Section 197.3181(4), F.S., provides a property owner who fails to file an application by the deadline waives a claim for a refund of taxes under this section.

"I was displaced from my home for at least 30 days and believe I am eligible; what do I do next?"

Apply with the Property Appraisers office before April 3rd.

OR

Apply online at www.hardeepa.com

Individuals applying are required to provide any documentation supporting the claim that the property was uninhabitable during the specified period.

"I was not displaced from my home for at least 30 days, but had significant damage; what do I do?"

Property owners can report any property damage by coming into the office or online at www.hardeepa.com by searching for your property and selecting "Hurricane Damage Form".

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FILING DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2023