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## **STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

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### **State Treasury Department Providing Individuals, Businesses Tax Relief due to Governor’s Disaster Declaration**

#### *Tax Relief Enables Disaster Survivors to Focus on their Recovery*

**LANSING, MICH.** With Gov. Rick Snyder declaring a “state of disaster” for Houghton and Menominee counties on June 18, the Michigan Department of Treasury is providing state tax relief to disaster survivors within the affected areas.

Individual and business taxpayers who reside in Houghton and Menominee counties now have additional time to file state tax returns, with penalties and interest waived. The two Upper Peninsula counties have been severely affected by flooding, impacting hundreds of homes, businesses and public facilities and infrastructure.

Individuals unable to meet filing deadlines due to this disaster should contact Treasury at 517-636-4486. Businesses are asked to call 517-636-6925.

“A disaster can be devastating both personally and financially,” said Deputy State Treasurer Glenn White, head of Treasury’s Tax Administration Group. “By postponing state tax filing and payment deadlines, disaster survivors will have more time to focus on recovering and getting their lives back to a sense of normalcy.”

In addition, affected taxpayers may write to Treasury to request disaster-related tax relief. When writing, the following must be included in the correspondence:

- Name and account number of the individual or business taxpayer.
- Reason for the relief request.
- Taxpayer address within one of the disaster areas or address of the tax preparer located in one of the disaster areas.

Taxpayers should send the completed correspondence to the following address:

Michigan Department of Treasury  
Attn: Disaster Tax Relief  
Lansing, Michigan 48922

Some taxpayers may receive a preliminary assessment notice before a tax relief request is formally received by Treasury. Taxpayers within the disaster areas who receive these notices should contact Treasury by phone to resolve.

To learn more about Michigan’s tax system, go to [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes).

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