

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
OFFICE OF TAX AND REVENUE



OTR TAX NOTICE – 2008-09

TAX RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IKE OR GUSTAV

The Office of Tax and Revenue will follow certain federal tax filing deadlines that have been extended until January 5, 2009 for victims of Hurricanes Ike or Gustav who reside in presidential disaster areas.

Who Qualifies for OTR Tax Relief?

The IRS extends relief to those who live in federal government-declared presidential disaster areas. The IRS has specifically granted relief for victims in certain counties of Texas for Hurricane Ike, and certain Louisiana parishes for both Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Gustav. The affected Texas counties ⁽¹⁾ and Louisiana parishes ⁽²⁾ are listed below.

What Kind of Relief is Available ?

Taxpayers who live or operate businesses in one of the disaster areas are granted the following relief:

- For those taxpayers who are victims of Hurricane Gustav, tax returns payments, and other “time sensitive” acts originally due between September 1, 2008 and January 4, 2009, are extended until January 5, 2009.
- For those taxpayers who are victims of Hurricane Ike, tax returns payments, and other “time sensitive” acts originally due between September 7, 2008 and January 4, 2009, are extended until January 5, 2009.
- This will cover extended individual income tax returns due October 15, 2008, extended corporate and unincorporated returns due September 15, 2008 and individual, corporation and unincorporated estimated tax payments.
- This will not cover District sales and use tax returns or District withholding.
- In addition to taxpayers who live or own businesses in a covered disaster area, taxpayers whose tax preparers, books, or records are located in the disaster area qualify for relief.

How to Claim the Relief.

Affected District taxpayers should boldly write at the top of the first page of the return claiming the relief “HURRICANE IKE OR GUSTAV RELIEF”.

If you were a victim of Hurricane Ike or Gustav, who filed electronically and you were charged penalties and interest for late filing, contact Ed Blick, (202) 442-6509 or edward.blick@dc.gov.

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- (1) For Hurricane Ike, a presidential disaster area qualifying for individual assistance in the following Texas counties: Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller and Washington. For hurricane Ike, a presidential disaster area qualifying for individual assistance is in the following Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Sabine, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion and Vernon.
- (2) For Hurricane Gustav, a presidential disaster area qualifying for individual assistance is in the following Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Evangeline, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.