

Ask For Lost Tax Records Now

A Tax Guide For 2011 Flood/Storm Victims - Issue 2

Do you live in a Disaster Relief County? 26 Tennessee counties have been declared disaster relief counties areas. Need the list? Go to www.las.org on the internet. Look under "News you can use" and click on the link to the Tax Guide. **Special tax rules** apply to everyone living in these disaster counties. This is true even if you didn't have storm or flood damage. Don't live in one of these counties? Then you may want to talk to a tax expert. Or go to the IRS web site at www.irs.gov.

Here are 2 things you can do now:

1. Ask the IRS for your lost tax records

Lost your tax records? Even if it wasn't in the flood, you need to get copies. This will be important later if you claim a casualty loss on your income tax return. Fill out **IRS Form 4506, Request for copy of Tax Return**. Ask for your 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 returns. You can ask for all these years on the same form.



Good news! If you live in one of the disaster counties, the **IRS won't charge fees**. The IRS usually charges \$57 for each return. But you can get them for **FREE**. To get free copies, you must write "**Tennessee/Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds and Flooding**" on the top of the form. You must write it in **red** ink.

Did you file these tax returns while you lived in Tennessee? Then fill out and mail to:

**Internal Revenue Service
RAIVS Team
Stop 6716 AUSC
Austin, TX 73301**

2. Ask for Transcripts of Account

A transcript of account explains your tax history for a single year. It shows your income, the tax due, any tax payments and what you still owe. Are you claiming a loss that will be carried back to earlier years? Then transcripts of account for those years are very important. Fill out **IRS Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return**. Ask for the years 2006 through 2010. To get free copies, you must write "**Tennessee/**

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Legal Aid Society

of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland

1-800-238-1443 It's a free call.

On the internet at www.las.org

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