



As our community recovers from Hurricane Irma, many people may have experienced storm damage to their properties. There are provisions in the law that pertain to your property assessment should your property sustain catastrophic damage due to a hurricane, fire or other calamity. Examples of structural damage include significant roof damage, damage to load-bearing walls or damage to the foundation of your home. While downed trees, fences, roof leaks and missing shingles/tiles may be difficult or expensive to repair, they do not affect the structural integrity of the home or make the home uninhabitable.

If you have sustained catastrophic structural damage to your property, it is important you let our office know so we can arrange for one of our appraisers to inspect the property. We have created a simple online form to make this process easy for you. The online Hurricane Irma Catastrophic Structural Damage Report form is located on our website at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) or <http://www.bcpa.net/DamageForm.asp>

It is important to know the Property Appraiser's Office cannot adjust your **2017** property assessment or taxes as a result of damage sustained by Hurricane Irma. Damage to your property as a result of Hurricane Irma may impact your **2018** property assessment assuming the repairs have not been completed by January 1, 2018.

### **2017 TRIM Season**

Our office has just completed the 2017 TRIM season having mailed 748,108 real property and 23,159 tangible personal property TRIM Notices to property owners and businesses in Broward County. After mailing these TRIM Notices, we assisted over 20,000 property owners seeking information about the TRIM Notice or late filing of exemptions.

The deadline for petitioning the 2017 property assessment has passed. Anyone seeking to file a 2017 value appeal must contact the Value Adjustment Board directly or use the <https://bcvab.broward.org/axiaweb2017/> for details on "good cause" late filing. Since the September late filing deadline has passed, we are unable to accept any more 2017 exemption applications regardless of any good reason for missing the late filing deadline.

If you purchased your property in 2017, you can pre-file for 2018 Homestead Exemption at any time. You can apply online at <https://bcpasecure.net/homesteadonline/web/index.aspx>, in our main office or at one of our many outreach community events. Our Outreach Community calendar available on our website lists all of the events we will have a representative available to assist residents with exemption filing or other related matters.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 954.357.6904 or by email at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net).

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marty Kiar'.

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